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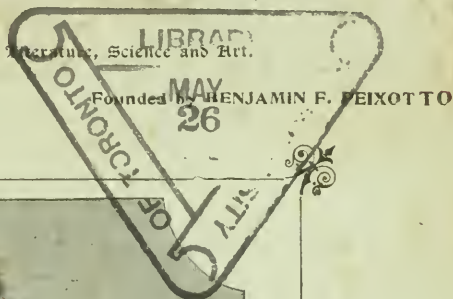
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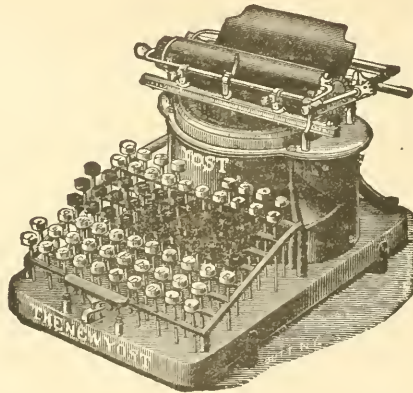
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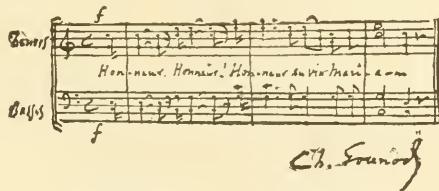
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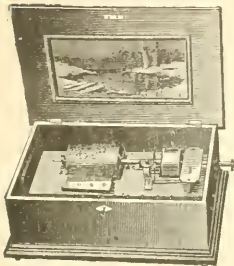
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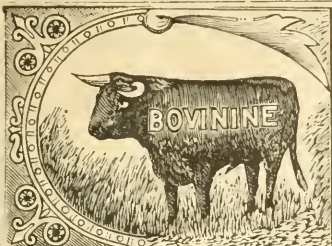
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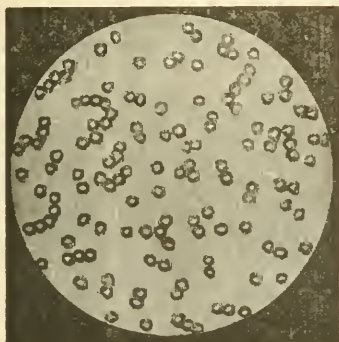
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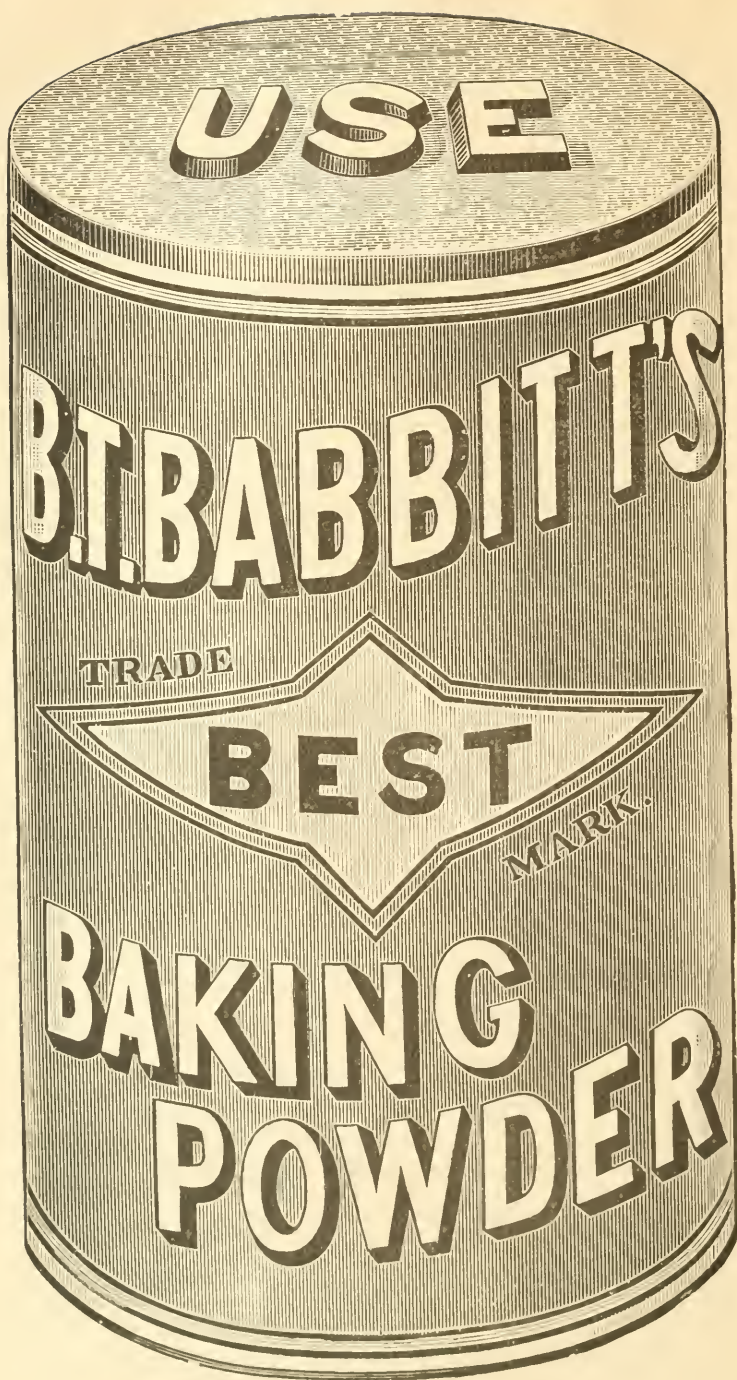
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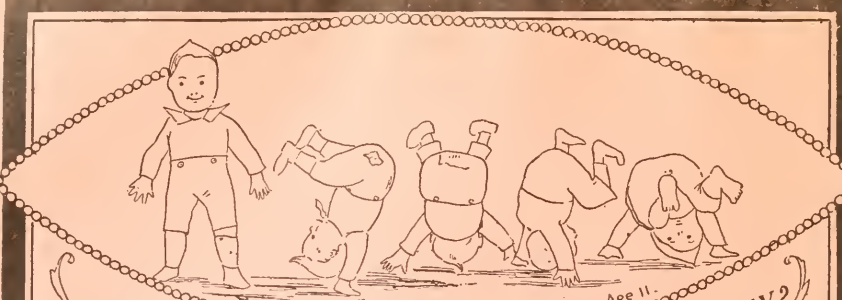
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BARON MORITZ DE HIRSCH

LIKE a thunderbolt from a cloudless sky was the startling information flashed across the sea that Baron Moritz de Hirsch had been summoned to his eternal home. It is true, it had been known in intimate circles that his health was not of the most robust, but no one was prepared for such an ending. Hirsch was a phenomenon of charity. With a lavish hand he dispensed wealth, as no one had ever done before him, but this was not the qualification which endeared him to the world, and especially to his coreligionists. It was the personal, tireless interest which he took in the misfortunes of the stricken, the systematic forethought with which he planned the measures for the relief of those that needed his help, the sagacity embodied in the institutions, educational, industrial and agricultural, which he founded and endowed, which bore evidence of the incessant study and application that he gave to the subject and of his earnest endeavor to afford relief, the beneficent effect of which would continue for generations to come. The Jewish people, especially in the countries in which they are exposed to oppression and contumely, looked up to him and consoled themselves: as long as such a prince of Israel occupied the high position of influence and power which he did and never failed to come to the rescue, but was with them, they need not despair. That light has been extinguished, the heart that welled up with sympathy, compassion and love stands still, the arm that was ever ready to be lifted up in their defence is without power.

The biography which gives the meagre, barren outline of his life has been published the world over in the public press, a characterization of his life at this time cannot well be attempted. Of course he was a Jew, though he passed by

the forms and ceremonies of ritual life without heeding them, and probably on that account did the rabbis of Galicia mistrust his efforts in behalf of the education of the Jewish youth in Galicia and warned their followers against sending their boys to the school erected by his munificence and directed by men in whose integrity and disinterestedness he had confidence. He comes from a stock of faithful and observant Jews. His father was known as such and his uncle, Baron Joel von Hirsch of Würzburg, was one of the pillars of orthodox Judaism. But his ideas seemed to have been latitudinarian, and not until anti-Semitism became violently demonstrative and until the persecution of the Jews in Russia became a calamity which affected every member of the Jewish race, did he become the active supporter of his people. He had a parallel in Adolph Cremieux. That great defender of his race and faith was probably ignorant what it meant and purported to be a Jew until the threatened massacre in Damascus, induced by a subject of France, made his heart quiver with emotion and hurled him into the arena of publicity as the defender of innocence and the vindicator of justice. These two men, high as their positions were, felt the ignominy to which the Jews were exposed to a greater degree than the immediate victims.

The shaft sank deeper into their vitals than into that of the humbler members of their race. They were made to feel that their admission into the highest ranks of society partook more of the character of gracious toleration than of full equality. They were made to appreciate the fact that not until unconditional equality was accorded to the Jews the world over, could the individual hope to occupy that position, though he may not always be made to feel it. And they therefore looked to education, enlightenment, culture, intellectual superiority, as the only redeemer, the only savior from the degradation of centuries.

These views he expressed very clearly in an interview accorded to our representative in Paris as published in the July number of the *MENORAH*, 1893, and which well bears repetition at this time :

"You desire," said the Baron, "to have my views regarding the general outlook for the future of Israel, and I am willing to give you the benefit of my personal opinion. which, I need not tell you, is based on a very profound, practical study of the problem. It is naturally a very complicated and two-sided question.

"On the one hand, there is the antipathy against the opulent Jews, against all those who have succeeded in making a place in the very midst of this civilization which denies admittance to the unhappy outcasts of Russia.

"We will not enter into a discussion of that part of the Jewish question, but confine ourselves to the fate of the Russian colonies in America and elsewhere.

"It is my desire, above all things, to prove to mankind that persecution alone has made the Jew what he is to-day, by keeping him hemmed in and confined to certain pursuits.

"But, given freedom of action and an open field, he will be a successful agriculturist and make, in the next generation, an excellent husbandman.

"I wish to free the nations of their burden, or, at any rate, lessen it, by opening new and spacious fields of action. You tell me there are many poor Jewish peddlers and tailors in New York, that there is a Ghetto as bad as the old Ghetto of Rome, except that the inhabitants of the New York Jews' quarter are not confined to it but by their own inclination. This is only the result of their newly-acquired rights, the exercise of their free will and liberty to dwell where they please. You cannot force them all to become pioneers. I am certain that all those who are managing the fund I have set aside for the special purpose are doing their best; but I will frankly confess that the greatest trouble I have had is to find competent men, who are really willing to give their time. There is plenty of good will, and most conscientious work done by many busy men. But it absolutely requires the undivided devotion of a great organizing mind to make a success of these colonies. The difficulty of securing this has been the most serious drawback in the execution of my project.

"Those who receive salaries, who, in fact, get their living while performing some part of the service, are, unfortunately, not men of marked ability, or men whose lives have proved them to be distinguished in any way. I do not find faults, mind you, but merely state facts.

"Montefiore was often successful in what he did, because he

himself went personally to attend to the matter. Unfortunately, I cannot go everywhere, or be at all places at the same time; but even if this were in my power, it is quite likely I would make mistakes *in the purchase of cattle*.

"I have delegated powers to others, which they are scrupulously making use of as best they know how. The chief trouble, I assure you, is to find the right sort of men to superintend the colonists. I myself would take a Jesuit priest, a fanatic of any kind who was imbued with a spirit of self-sacrifice and self-abnegation, if I could obtain such men. But such men will arise in our own midst—some young American men—who will devote all their energy, their talent and their means, in exchange for the ultimate success of these colonies.

"And the result will be a larger and ever-growing Jewish element of agriculturists and cattle breeders, like in the old days of Biblical shepherds. Only it will all be in a wider and greater world, and will spread over all the new countries as yet barren or uncultivated. Both North and South America will be peopled by a new growth of manhood, purified by out-door toil and being always near Mother Earth.

"A new race of Jews will grow up, and the huckster and chapman will be forgotten; the usurer looked upon as a myth, and the wide horizon offered by the beautiful Western Hemisphere will bring us all, when we reach it, not only nearer to heaven, but nearer to Thee, O God."

The views of the world and the appreciation of Baron de Hirsch cannot be better conveyed than by the words of the *Tribune* in its issue of April 22d. They bear to be treasured up :

"The death of Baron Hirsch is a loss to the whole human race. To one of the most ancient and illustrious branches of that race it will seem a catastrophe. No man of this century has done so much for the Jews as he. Perhaps that is in part because no one had a greater opportunity than he, or so great financial ability to improve it. He found the Jewish people oppressed throughout half of Europe as they had scarcely been for ages; in Russia their condition was little better than that of Christians in Armenia has been in recent years. The most blindly fanatical sovereign and most cruelly fanatical minister of the age were deliberately seeking to exterminate them. In Germany the savage Stoecker and his kind were

preaching persecution, and then—now the present—Emperor was hobnobbing with them and adopting their hateful notions as his own. In France a political party was growing toward power with race and class hatred as its leading principle, and Austria, or its capital, was ripening for the advent of Lueger. It was a time of woe and horror for the Jewish people, when there were few eyes to pity and there seemed no hand to save.

“Amid these circumstances Maurice de Hirsch addressed himself to the aid and rescue of his fellows with all the enterprise and energy that had made him the most successful financier and one of the richest men in the world. In his twelfth-century castle of Eichorn, in Moravia, he conceived vast schemes of beneficence. On his more than princely estate of St. Johann, in Hungary, he elaborated the details. In his London and Paris mansions he put them into execution. He rose early and worked late, and kept busy a staff of secretaries and agents in all parts of the world. He not only relieved the immediate distress of the people. In the most practical and permanent way he sought to free them from further danger and distress. He founded schools to train them to useful work. He transported them by thousands from lands of bondage to lands of freedom, and planted them there in prosperous, happy colonies. How much actual cash he spent in these undertakings can merely be estimated. It is safe to say it amounted to more than the entire fortune of any man in the United States, excepting perhaps a dozen of the richest.

“In his administration of these vast charities he displayed in marked measure the worldly wisdom and the catholicity of spirit that are characteristic of his race. He first offered to spend \$10,000,000 on the Jews of Russia if the Russian Government would co-operate with him. That government declined to co-operate, but was ready to do all the work itself if he would intrust the money to its control. That, of course, he would not do. He knew too well what itching palms and tenacious fingers Russian officials have. So he spent the \$10,000,000 himself, and more than one other like sum after it. And at the same time he gave \$200,000 for the Orthodox Greek Church schools of Russia, handing it straight to the very government that was so infamously persecuting his people, and even to the arch-inquisitor Pobiedonostseff himself! The Moravians for miles around Eichorn regarded him as a Lord Bountiful. The Hungarians in all the region near St. Johann saw in him the man who built leagues of good roads and bridges by the dozen for

their benefit. So, also, in countless other directions he gave his wealth freely for the benefit of mankind, without regard to race or creed.

"It is a curious coincidence that he should die just at the time when Ahlwardt is raving and rioting in America and Lueger plotting revolution in Vienna. No doubt the time-worn precept, 'Nothing but good of the dead,' will be invoked and broken as is usual. The Jew-baiters will seek to revile his memory, and the envious souls who hate success in others will condemn him for having been so rich. But such sayings will be only rabid froth. His work for humanity will abide. The true voice of the world will speak of him with regret for his death, and with honor for his life, as one who, while a 'man of like passions' with all others, and an enjoyer of the luxuries of the world, yet greatly loved his fellow-men, and gave freely and labored greatly and effectively in their behalf."

ABYSSINIA AND THE SOUDAN

THE success of England in establishing colonies in all parts of the world, so that England to-day is an empire in which the sun does not set, stirred up the various European powers to try their hands in similar enterprises, though they came a little late, the best slices having been picked up before. In former centuries the Church furnished the credentials for the various marauding expeditions. Murder, pillage, robbery, were legalized as long as the poor Aztecs and American Indians were despoiled under the protecting ægis of the Cross. To-day, the same work is being done in the name of civilization. The Zulus, the Matabeles, the aborigines of Africa, are shot down ruthlessly, their land is forcibly taken possession of, the Tongkins are fusiladed and colonies established in Asia and Africa in the name and under the flag of civilization to cover the greed and avarice of the European invaders, who have no more right to the territory which they seize by main force than the burglar has to break into the house of an English lord, or a German baron, and appropriate the treasures he may find there. The tribe of the robber barons has not died out, they only go by

other names. They are called to-day, shareholders in the Suez Canal, the South-African Company, or other syndicates organized for land-steal on a huge scale and operating under the protection of some strong militant power. Italy recently suffered a signal defeat in one of those expeditions, in a country in which its military forces had not the shadow of right to be, and forthwith a hue-and-cry is raised against the savages who dared defend their homes and liberties against the invaders and the whole of Europe breaks out in sympathetic demonstrations with the robber baron who had the misfortune to receive a thrashing, which he richly deserved. And forthwith England organizes another expedition to invade the Soudan, as a sort of counter-movement, that would threaten the Abyssinian forces in the rear, and prevent the Mahdists moving against Kassala, which the Italians are holding by force of its military strength. It is well known in diplomatic circles that England has been preparing for some time to re-conquer the Soudan, which would forever establish its hold upon Egypt and make it the lord of one of the most fruitful parts of the Dark Continent. What is known as the Soudan is the old Ethiopia and formed in ancient times one of the most valuable possessions of Egypt. At the time of the old Pharaohs, the Egyptian Empire extended south far beyond Chartum. Ethiopia at one time became the ruler of Egypt, but under the reign of the Ptolemies it was again subjected to Egypt. Fortified places afforded safety to the road leading to the Red Sea and innumerable trading stations were established. These establishments were kept up during the power of Rome, but had fallen into decay when Islam began to spread. Once more in the year 909, an Ethiopian, a Soudanese Mahdi, arose, conquered Egypt, and one of his descendants, Moizz, founded Cairo. After the extinction of this dynasty, the relations between the Soudan and Egypt ceased for centuries.

Mehemet Ali, the founder of the present dynasty, was animated as much by desire for increasing his dominion as by his avarice for gold and wealth. The fertile territory of

inner Africa with its immense wealth of minerals and ivory, ostrich feathers and precious woods, its wealth of natural products and its immense herds of cattle and horses, and last, but not least, its opportunity for the slave-trade, roused his avarice, and with an incredibly small army he conquered, in 1820, the dominions of Dongola, Berber, Sennaar and Kordofan and made the half a million inhabitants subject to his rule. At the confluence of the White and Blue Nile he built the City of Chartum, which was soon populated by European adventurers and became a centre of slave trade. His successors maintained their rule with greater consideration for the welfare of the population, and it was especially Ismail Pasha who appointed educated Europeans to govern the Soudanese provinces; he built telegraphs and established steamship lines between the various ports on the Red Sea and had already commenced to build a railroad from Assuan to Massowa, when the whole edifice collapsed. The loans contracted in Europe became his ruin. He could not pay the interest and the liberal Khedive was forced to abdicate. Egypt became subsequently in reality, if not in name, a province of England which, in order to secure the payment of interest on the mortgage that it held, assumed control of the Egyptian finances.

Under his successor, Tewfik Pasha, broke out the remarkable revolution in the Soudan under the lead of the Mahdi Muhamed Achmed, who put an end to the Egyptian despotism. There was something magnetic about this remarkable zealot, who seemed to have inherited the fire which animated Mohammed and his followers and enabled them to conquer half of the globe. All the tribes of the Soudan seemed to be welded together by an irresistible power, they followed him wherever he led, fearing not the death-dealing new weapons, but bent to regain their independence and liberty at whatever cost. This may be savagery, but it is the savagery which characterized the Dutch in throwing off the yoke of the Spaniards, it is the savagery of the Americans, who, a handful of men, braved the army of powerful England; it is the savagery of Cubans, who with Patrick Henry exclaim,

"Give me liberty or give me death." Rather death than submission to the hated rule of the Franks is the parole to-day of the Soudanese Arabs under the leadership of the new Mahdi; and imbued with the spirit of fanaticism, it is doubtful whether the disciplined forces of England will be able to subdue such a spirit of rugged and indomitable independence. But whatever may be the outcome in the Soudan, in Erytræa or in Mashonaland, or in the Congo, it is not the love of civilization, but the lust of greater riches, the avarice for wealth, the lust for the gold and the precious stones that might be found in the virgin territories of Africa which shapes the policy of European states, of sending the flower of their manhood there to take away by force the land that belongs to these sons of the desert and the countries of the tropic sun. It is as much to-day, as it was in the times of Pizarro and Cortez, the passion for wealth which sheds human blood like water in order to quench the thirst of those that cry: "Gold, more gold."

AN OLD JEWISH LEGEND FROM AVIGNON.*

SEVERAL centuries have already passed since there existed a large Jewish congregation at Avignon, the whilom residence of Popes. The Jews were huddled together in narrow, dirty quarters on the shores of the Rhone and they risked their lives when they emerged from them.

On a beautiful autumn's afternoon, a poor Jewish woman, on whose wrinkled facial lines were written the grief and trouble that aged her prematurely, ventured outside of the ghetto to enjoy the benefit of the sun's warm rays, because the high walls and narrow streets of the ghetto did not let the sun's beams dispense to the pitiable inhabitants the blessing of heat.

Hesitatingly and timidly did the old woman move along, because she had to expect every moment to be recognized by

* From the *Juedische Volkszeitung*.

the inimically disposed inhabitants and to be tormented as a Jewess; but she reached the square of the Papal residence without being molested.

She sat down upon one of the numerous benches hid between bosquets, eyeing wistfully the life and bustle of the crowds of people and looking with admiration at the well-dressed dignitaries of the Church entering and leaving the palace. She pictured to herself the contrast between those princes of the Church who rode in magnificent coaches, in their gold and silver embroidered vestments, beaming with health and vigor, and their unhappy coreligionists who rise in the morning from their poor couches sorrow-laden and care-worn and retire at night with grief and pain at the terrible fate that weighed them down, which, however, they accepted with humility as coming by the dispensation of an all-wise God.

"It must be so," she said to herself, "God is gracious and just. He has given us such numerous proofs of His love and mercy and apparently has withdrawn His hand from us, but surely has not abandoned us entirely."

"But oh! our sufferings are very, very great, when will He at last take pity on us, and ——?"

Suddenly her thoughts were interrupted by an exclamation which made her whole body shake and tremble: "A Jewess, a Jewess!" it echoed all around her.

Those who raised that cry were a lot of choir boys of the Papal chapel, who hied their way to divine service mornings and evenings and who never missed their opportunity to play a trick on those who were least able to defend themselves.

To-day they had selected the Jewess as their butt; they had spied her behind the bosquets and they were reverberant in their joy, because such sport did not offer every day. It was an extraordinary opportunity to laugh and have fun and perpetrate mischief. Therefore, without much ado, they surrounded the poor woman, teased her and made sport of her in boys' fashion.

The poor old creature, believing that she was in serious peril, summoned all her strength and ran as fast as she could

to escape her enemies. She jumped up and run as fast as her legs would permit her toward her home, at least she thought she was taking that direction, but in her excitement she took the opposite direction, followed by the noisy urchins who had been joined by a lot of street arabs, throwing stones at her and calling the attention of the people passing by keeping up the cry "A Jewess, a Jewess!"

Of course the way to the ghetto grew much longer, but the fear she was in winged her steps; gradually she gained on her pursuers and the cry was growing fainter by the distance increasing between her and her enemies. She suddenly felt a stinging pain in her back, which deprived her of all power to move further and after making a vain effort to run further she dropped to the ground.

She considered herself already lost and uttered piercing cries of lament—when a young man, with a pale face and mild eyes, approached her and inquired for the cause of her distress.

Encouraged by the apparent kindness of her interrogator, she gained courage and related briefly the trouble she was in, begging him to protect her, which he did without a moment's hesitation. And, strange enough, as if by magic, the howling crowd dispersed at the sight of her protector.

He did not go away after restoring her courage, but tried to find the cause of the sudden collapse of the poor woman and of the stinging pain with which she was attacked. His hand disappeared in the rags of the old woman and when he drew it forth he grasped one of those disgusting insects which, in spite of all precautions, propagate in those damp, badly ventilated, squalid hovels, the plague of the inhabitants.

The woman uttered a cry of joy and relief when the pain stopped as suddenly as it had come, and in a sort of ecstasy she blessed her benefactor and protector, and prophesied to him that God in heaven would reward him some day with placing upon his head the Papal tiara.

Then she hurriedly went home to the ghetto and the adventure was soon forgotten.

Years had passed by when one day an extraordinary excitement kept the population of the ghetto astir. The visit of a high dignitary of the Church had been announced, and of course all possible preparations were made to receive him with becoming honors.

But to the surprise of all, the richly caparisoned equipages, instead of taking the road toward the customary meeting-house of the congregation, were directed toward one of the most dilapidated, tumble-downs, and the Pope himself left the carriage and stepped into the dwelling which resembled a stable more than a dwelling place for human beings.

Followed by a lackey, the holy father ascended the stairs and entered a room in the garret which was exposed to wind and weather. Finding himself face to face with an old woman who tenanted the apartment, he inquired with soft voice: "Do you remember, brave mother, a young man who many years ago protected you against a crowd of wild boys and who relieved you of a stinging insect?"

"Certainly, I do," replied the aged woman, "of course I remember it; oh! he was so kind."

"And do you remember the prophecy which you made then?"

"He merited," continued the woman quite confused, "the highest reward, and I presaged that he would one day ascend the Papal throne."

"Well, then," resumed the holy father, "your prophecy has been fulfilled; it is the Pope you are speaking to, and I am the young man who helped and assisted you! Confide to me now, without fear and false pride, your highest wish, and I swear it shall be fulfilled if it is within human power."

"Certainly, do I recognize you," resumed the old lady, her eyes swimming in tears; "but I am old, and have probably but a few days of life left and they will carry me to the place from which there is no return. However, if it is your sincere desire to confer a benefit upon me, if it is your sincere desire that I shall die in peace, then grant permission to my unhappy coreligionists to leave these miserable quarters, these lanes in which they choke, because air and light can-

not enter, and give them leave to exchange them for better, more roomy and more airy habitations."

"Your wish shall be fulfilled," replied the Pope, and he left the room with tearful eyes.

Immediately after the return to his palace, he issued an order which granted permission to the Jews of Avignon to leave their unhealthy Rhone-quarters, and assigned to them one of the most salubrious localities of the city as their quarter.

They lived there until the French Revolution broke out, and the name "Jerusalem Place" is continued to this day.

RECORDING UNUTTERED THOUGHTS

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AN article appeared quite recently in a New York paper* relative to an alleged discovery of a machine which could record unuttered thoughts upon a cylinder. It is also claimed by the inventor, Julius Emmer of Washington, that the cylinder can be made to communicate such recorded thoughts directly by means of conductors to another brain so that the subject would become conscious of the unuttered thoughts so recorded.

Before ridiculing such an idea, which we are tempted to do, it is best for us to become acquainted with what has been accomplished by actual experiment in the endeavor to demonstrate that thought-force is correlated to the other forces of nature.

It is well known that muscular force can be converted into heat, heat into magnetism, magnetism into electricity, electricity into light, light into heat, and so on, and the question naturally arose as to whether thought-force could be converted into some other form of force manifestation.

This problem was answered by an experiment conducted

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by Dr. J. S. Lombard* in the year 1867. Experiment demonstrated that any change of temperature within the skull was soonest manifested externally in that depression which exists just above the occipital protuberance. Here Lombard fastened to the head at this point two little bars, one made of bismuth, the other of an alloy of antimony and zinc, which were connected with a delicate galvanometer capable of measuring 1-4000th of a degree centigrade; to neutralize the result of a gradual rise of temperature over the whole body, a second pair of bars, reversed in direction, was attached to the leg or arm, so that if a like increase of heat came to both, the electricity developed by one would be neutralized by the other, and no effect would be produced by the needle unless only one was affected. By long practice it was ascertained that a mental torpor could be induced, lasting for hours, in which the needle remained stationary. But when a person knocked on the door outside of the room, or a single word was spoken, even though the experimenter remained absolutely passive, the reception of the intelligence caused the needle to swing through twenty degrees. Prof. Geo. F. Barker,† in explanation of this production of heat said: "The analogy of the muscle at once suggests itself, no conversion of energy is complete, and as the heat of muscular action represents force which has escaped conversion into motion, so the heat evolved during the reception of an idea is energy which has escaped conversion into thought, from precisely the same cause." The experiment conducted by Dr. Lombard demonstrated that the amount of heat developed by the recitation to one's self of emotional poetry, was in every case less when the recitation was oral; this is, of course, accounted for by the muscular expression. Chemistry teaches that thought-force, like muscle-force, comes from the food and demonstrates that the force evolved by the brain, like that produced by the muscle, comes not from the disintegration of its own tissue, but is, as Prof. L.

*New York *Medical Journal*, Vol. V., 198, June, 1867.

†Correlation of the Vital and Physical Forces, Pamphlet.

H. Wood* says, "the converted energy of burning carbon." Prof. F. A. P. Barnard† has said "Thought cannot be a physical force, because thought admits of no measure." Still, when such facts as stated above are considered, are we not justified in the belief that thought-force is in some mysterious way correlated to the other natural forces. It is a conceded fact that every external manifestation of thought-force is a muscular one, as a word spoken or written, a gesture, or an expression of the face always takes place; hence this force must be intimately correlated to nerve-force. It is very certain, then, that thought-force is capable in external manifestations of converting itself into actual motion. But here the question arises, can it be manifested inwardly without such a transformation of energy? Or is the evolution of thought entirely independent of the matter of the brain? Surely Lombard's experiments have answered these questions.

Prof. Julius Emmer who claims to be able to record the unuttered thoughts may not be groping in the dark—for if thought-force is transmitted by the undulations of a medium, such undulations possessing energy should be capable of recording themselves in a sufficiently sensitive instrument designed for the purpose. Max Müller‡ pointed out that we cannot think without words; this being true, any direct transference of unuttered thought would of necessity be transmitted in a manner that would reproduce the thought as words in another brain. Claims have been made from age to age, that some people are gifted with the power of reading the thoughts of others; assuming this to be true, then of necessity there must emanate from the thinker some undulations of a medium which acting on the brain of the experimenter reproduces the thought—all this, however, is assumption, still is rational if thought-reading or mind-reading (as it is called) is to be accepted as a fact. In this age of progress it is questionable whether we should be too skeptical—

*Proc. Conn. Med. Soc. Nov. 1869, p. 197.

†Address Amer. Adv. Ass. of Science, Chicago, Aug. 1868.

‡Science of Thought, Vol. 1.

too many ordinary phenomena surround us on every side, explanations of which have to be based largely upon rational deductions rather than upon experimental evidence, to entitle us to scoff at assertions which appear at present more or less incomprehensible.

THE ROYAL FAMILY OF CHRIST

BY MRS. F. G. DE FONTAINE

The World a debtor to the Jews.—What Christianity owes to their Faith and Works.—The genius of a nation exemplified in all History.

THE late Rev. Charles F. Deems, pastor of the Church of the Strangers in New York, once said from his pulpit while preaching on the Nativity of Christ, "I never pass a Jew on the street that I do not feel like lifting my hat to him."

Henry Ward Beecher, while discoursing upon the same subject, remarked: "You cannot find in America another people among whom the social virtues are more rigorously observed than among the Israelites."

In an ethnological sense, the Semitic race occupies a unique place in history. To no other race under Heaven has God manifested Himself in a similar manner. To no other nation was He ever so nigh. "Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire and live?" Did ever God essay "to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation," as He did the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage?

It was to this people amid the thunders of Sinai that God gave the first written Constitution that ever was given to man—a Constitution which taught the great truth that "God is One."

For forty days and nights Moses, their great lawgiver, held communion with God, and at last received from Him the two tablets of stone on which are founded all the laws of Christendom. And then, as we have it from the Scriptures, "Moses, the servant of Jehovah, died there in the land of

Moab, according to the word of Jehovah, and he buried him in a ravine in the land of Moab, but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day." In the words of Matthew Arnold, this Decalogue is "the pith of the Old Testament."

The race has "seen the Pharaohs pass away and the empires of Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Macedon and Rome perish." It has witnessed the rise and fall of Greek civilization. It was present at the cradle and the grave of the Cæsars and Ptolemies, and although surviving nearly four thousand years, it still holds its traditions and to-day remains what it was when its great lawgiver received his commands from the hands of the Almighty.

The history of the Jews opens in the twentieth century B.C., with the coming of Abraham from Chaldea into Canaan, where he and his descendants dwelt in the tents among their flocks and herds. Their first appearance as a nation was when Moses led them out of Egyptian bondage and delivered to them a code of laws for their religious, moral and sanitary benefit.

To their race, the Christian world is indebted for its Christ who descended from their royal family. So completely identified, however, is Christ with the world at large, that we often forget this fact. National limitations seem too narrow for such a grand personality, yet we know that a Jewish mother gave him birth and that his grave was made in Jewish soil.

Judaism has given us our Bible; the Scriptures, Old and New, with one or two exceptions being written by men of Jewish birth. The books of Job and the Prophets and the Psalms of David have given to mankind poetry that will live as long as the world moves in its orbit.

The observance of the Sabbath, the very name of which means "rest," is an institution which the Jew has made coeval with the work of creation. Wherever he went, his reverence for that day was the most visible badge of his nationality and religion. And Jew and Gentile the world over alike obey the injunction, "Remember the Sabbath.

day and keep it holy,"—a command that still has as much significance as it had under the Mosaic code.

The first church was at Jerusalem and from this source we trace institutional Christianity. Schlegel says that "Judaism is the chief corner-stone of Christianity." Another writer declares that "that corner-stone was laid at Alexandria and that Alexandria, not Bethlehem was the birthplace of Christianity, for it was in the Alexandrian Library that the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek and became the property of all nations."

We read from the Jewish Psalter and Proverbs; we sing the Psalms of "David, of the tribe of Judah," and we pray in phraseology taken from Jewish Scriptures. We read the Epistles of the Jewish Apostle Paul. Our Holy Communion has for its origin "the Paschal Supper" of which our Lord partook. Our own Holy Week and Easter stand as the anniversary of the great events commemorated by the "Pass-over." We celebrate the feast of the Pentecost which is the Jewish "Harvest-home," and Christians try to make their lives conform to the Decalogue.

Montesquieu says: "The Jew is an old trunk which has produced two branches that have covered all the earth; I mean Mohammedanism and Christianity. Or rather, she is a mother who has brought two daughters into the world, who have overwhelmed her with a thousand wounds, because in matters of religion the nearest are the greatest enemies; but, however badly she has been treated, she cannot cease to boast of having given them birth. She uses the one and the other to embrace the entire world, whilst on the other hand, her venerable old age embraces all time."

Learning was held in high esteem by this ancient people. Every boy was compelled to learn some trade. Even the greatest scholars and statesmen had some regular occupation. Indolence was calendared as a crime.

Coming down from the period of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to more modern times, we find that Jews caused Vasco de Gama to sail around the Cape of Good Hope and were thus instrumental in revolutionizing commerce. Jewish

scientists predicted the success of the first voyage of Columbus, with whom two Jewish sailors came—the first of the race to set foot on American soil. Jewish merchants were the authors of the “bill of exchange.” It was a Jewish Commodore, Uriah Levy, to whom we are indebted for the abolition of whipping in the Navy, and the fact that he is “the father of the law” is inscribed on his tomb.

When Robert Morris undertook to raise funds for carrying on the war for our national independence, he found Isaac Moses, David Franks and Hyam Salomon among his ablest and most generous coadjutors. During the war of 1812, when Congress called for a loan of \$16,000,000, Uriah Hendricks of New York was a subscriber to the amount of \$40,000 Judah Touro of New Orleans, who served under “Old Hickory” in the second war with Great Britain, gave \$10,000 towards the erection of Bunker Hill Monument. When Sir Walter Scott desired for his famous novel, “Ivanhoe,” a heroine in whom all the womanly graces might be typified, he selected Rebecca Gratz, a Jewish belle of Philadelphia, as his ideal.

Forty years ago, England excluded a Jew from her Parliament. Since then, Benjamin Disraeli, Benjamin of Israel, has been at the head of the British government, and he is remembered as one of the greatest statesmen of modern times. In addition to this honored name may be mentioned, Judah P. Benjamin, an ex-Senator of the United States and subsequently a Queen’s Counsel of England; Jessell on the British Bench, Goldsmid, Simon, Rothschilds and Isaacs in the British Parliament; Gambetta, Cremieux and Simon in France; Lasker, a leader of the Liberal party in Germany; Artom holding high positions of government trust in Italy, and Hamburger dictating to the Foreign Office even in Russia,

Added brightness has been given to literature by such writers as Heine, Auerbach, Aguilar, Goldsmidt, Kompert, Rothschilds, Spinoza, Farjeon and others. Rachel, Patti, Bernhardt, Modjeska, Lavinski and scores of others have delighted the world by their artistic and intellectual rendering of dramatic roles, while Meyerbeer, Mendelssohn, Halevi,

Offenbach, Strauss, Joachim, Rubinstein, Wieniawski, Remenyi, Josephi, Strakosch and Paderewski have spoken and still speak in the universal language that finds an echo in all hearts in which the better instincts of nature are not dead. Jewish genius is further illustrated by works of art in the Royal Academy, the Louvre and the Luxembourg and in the famous galleries of Vienna, Munich, Berlin and Rome.

In the hour of calamity, the Jew vies with the Christian in affording relief. In his kinship with humanity he knows no limitations of race or creed.

Baron Hirsch sends his persecuted people to our shores in order that they may find homes in a country whose constitution recognizes no distinction between Jews and Christians, while Sir Moses Montefiore, one of the world's greatest benefactors, emphasized, in his long and useful life, the truth that strict adherence to the Jewish law is not antagonistic to the highest type of manhood.

Many additional names and incidents might be recalled in the present connection, but their mention is unnecessary for the purposes of this article.

Although not of the Jewish race or creed, the writer believes with Matthew Arnold that "Christianity cannot be packed in any set of Commandments," and that dogmatism and creeds put more stumbling blocks in the way to Heaven than they remove. She has, therefore, in a spirit of broad liberality fulfilled a long cherished desire to do honor to a historic people who have left so visible an impress on civilization and to pay tribute to a race whose faults are oftener censured than their virtues praised—a race from whose royal family came our Christ.

Affairs of the Order.

INSTITUTION OF A NEW LODGE IN MANNHEIM, GERMANY.

August Lamey Lodge, No. 452, was instituted in Mannheim on Sunday, the 15th of March. A beautiful, sunny spring morning smiled on twenty-four brethren of Frankfurt Lodge and fifteen ladies when they set out for Mannheim to take part in the inauguration festivities attending the institution of Lamey Lodge, at their head Brother Joseph Wislock, the President of Frankfurt Lodge.

After a conference with the organization committee of the new lodge in the morning, the time for beginning the auspicious solemnities were set down for 3 o'clock. From Berlin had come for the festivities the brethren, Brother Dr. Maretzki, the M. W. Grand President, Past-President Brother Hagen, Brother Gross and Grand Secretary Dr. D. Wolff. Brother Dr. Maretzki summoned the seventy five Mannheim candidates to his presence (nine additional candidates were on their travels) and greeted them with warm, cordial words. He unfolded an animated picture of Israel's past and finally imparted to them in plain, but impressive language the aims and purposes of our beloved Order. The candidates then returned to the ante-room.

Past-President Brother Heimerdingen, of Nassau Lodge, Wiesbaden, officiated as mentor, and conducted the candidates into the lodge room before the chair of the M. W. Grand President. The initiation ceremonies, according to the ritual, were in charge of Past-President Dr. Loeb, of Rhenus Lodge, Mayence. After the election of officers, Past-President Dr. Heineman, of Frankfurt Lodge, proceeded to install the officers, and in the most eloquent terms instructed them on the duties assumed by them. The president of the lodge, Brother Dr. Juris Stadecker, received then the charter from the hands of Dr. Maretzki. The floor was then given to the various delegates of sister lodges, who had come to participate in the festivities.

Brother Joseph Wislock, charged by the M. W. Member of the Executive Committee for Germany, Brother Eugen Rosenstiel, to convey the congratulations of the Supreme Lodge to the members of

the newly born child, fulfilled that honorable trust in the most appropriate manner. He depicted the fruitful labors and fateful importance of the Executive Committee in New York, pointing to the foundation of the Order, the ever progressive importance and expansion of the Order, and laid especial stress upon the fundamental traits of our organization: benevolence, brotherly love and harmony. He explained to the newly initiated brothers in what manner these high virtues should be striven for and carried out, dwelling especially upon the fact that "benevolence" is not to be confined to the assistance rendered to the needy; that this virtue is to be conceived in its noblest aspect as the good will, the love to all. A heartfelt, benevolent disposition, a mild patience, unselfish labor for the welfare of our brethren in the faith—nay, for humanity, as a whole, must be the chief aim of our aspirations.

Brother ex-President Hagen then conveyed in burning words the congratulations of the three Berlin lodges. Past-President Brother Ploske, of Frankfort, congratulated in behalf of Frankfort Lodge, and Rheinland Lodge of Cologne, sent its fraternal greetings through Past-President Brother Benjamin. Brother Dr. Lange spoke in the name of Unitas Lodge, and past president Fiorrio in behalf of Sinai Lodge, Cassel. The greetings of Rhenus Lodge, Mayence, were conveyed by Past-President Brother Bernhard Meyer, and president Brother Simon spoke on behalf of Nassau Lodge, Wiesbaden. After the brethren Pfefferman of Victoria Lodge, Goerlitz, Dr. Kaufman, of Friedrich Lodge, Heidelberg, had spoken in behalf of their lodges, the floor was given to the newly elected president of Lamey Lodge, Dr. Stadecker.

Thanking for the honor done to him, he expressed the belief that he had a comprehensive conception of the fundamental principles of the Order, and cited the words of Moses, uttered shortly before his death: "The Divine law is easily found; it is not in the heavens, nor above the water, but dispersed over the whole world." The speaker compared this wise utterance with our lodge work. On this productive soil all Jews, without distinction of religious opinion or social station, could unite and become a blessing to themselves and to humanity at large.

The address of President Dr. Stadecker was greeted with great applause. Dr. Maretzki, before closing the session, addressed the lodge briefly and especially thanked the brethren, Leo Regensburger, Adolf Mayer, Sigmund Rosenbaum, Edward Bauer, Bernhard Kaufman, for the great assistance which they had

rendered in the organization of the lodge. Finally, he dwelt upon the remarkable energy and the unselfish devotion displayed by the President of Frankfurt Lodge on accomplishing the organization of the new lodge. He thanked him in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and especially so, as he evidently followed in the footsteps of his sainted father-in-law, Ferdinand Gamburg, whose untimely demise is still deeply mourned by the large circle of friends whom he left behind. Ferdinand Gamburg was a brother of great distinction, whose energy and zeal made him a leader among men, so that he alone succeeded in compassing the organization of several lodges. The session was then formally closed at 5 o'clock, after which the company repaired to the banquet hall. The hall was beautifully decorated and at the tables, richly set, three hundred guests sat down to participate in the festive love feast. The President of Lamey Lodge welcomed the guests, and in doing so remarked that this gathering reminded him of one held in the third decade in Leipsic. At that banquet, Wilhelm Jordan had said that the idea of liberty was only conceivable by discarding the belief in God, or, in other words, that true liberty is only possible when based upon atheism. After these remarks of his the assembly became chilled with horror. Then rose our renowned coreligionist, Berthold Auerbach, and refuted in burning words the assertions of the preceding speaker, and proved that the staunch faith in God fortifies the idea of liberty. Of course he was rapturously applauded and the whole assembly loudly demonstrated their sympathy and concurrence with him. Dr. Stadecker then unfolded his own conception of liberty, and finally paid an eulogistic tribute to the late cabinet-minister of Baden, August Lamey, who had stood up so manfully and courageously for the civil equality of the Jews, and to whose energy is due the victory obtained, and it was, therefore in honor of him and in perpetuation of his memory that the lodge received his name. At the close of the electrifying address of the President, the company rose and drank to the health of Emperor William II and to that of his Royal Highness, the Grand-duke Friedrich of Baden, both of whom were the protectors of the liberty and equality of our coreligionists. The next address was delivered by the Vice-President, Brother Jacob Liebman, who toasted the Executive Committee of the order and the Grand Lodge of Germany, dwelling with emphasis upon the unselfish devotion and the great services rendered to the cause of the Order by the President, Dr. Maretzki.

The *pièce de-resistance*, however, was a little play composed for the occasion, and which was magnificently rendered. The idea carried out was about as follows: A Roumanian Jew, driven from home on account of his faith and race, is rendered still more disconsolate by the death of his wife. His sons he had baptized to save them from the misery and persecution to which he had been exposed. Now, that all pleasure and happiness had vanished and that, as he believed; he had nothing more to live for, he resolves to make an end of his earthly existence. Then appear Genii, who represent the fundamental principles of the Order: benevolence, brotherly love and harmony; there appear also the genii of sociability, the M. W. Grand Lodge, as Goddess Berolina, and the Germania. They inspire the unfortunate son of Israel by exposition of their high aims and by a recital of the wonderful accomplishments of the Order, in such a degree that he discards all ideas of self-destruction and vows with burning enthusiasm to devote himself to the mission of the Order and henceforth dedicate his life and strength to struggling for the happiness and human rights of his fellow beings. Finally the genii form a group around him and in the background appears a transparency with the inscription: Henry Jones, 1843; August Lamey Lodge, 1896." When the curtain dropped, vociferous applause rewarded the composer and actors.

The libretto, which breathes in beautiful, poetical fervor and genuine enthusiasm for the good cause, was written by a member of the Mannheim Court Theatre, Mr. Ludwig Schreiner, a non-Jew, and the personages taking part in the play were: the daughters of several of our new brethren, and Brother Strauss, of the new lodge. Mr. Ludwig Schreiner also composed a memorial sheet in honor of the event. At the head it bore an excellent photographic picture of the late August Lamey, and every member of the company present received a copy.

Toasts were then offered by the brethren, Dr. Kaufmann, Dr. Lange, Past-President Brother Fiornio, Brother Joseph Wisloch and Dr. Heineman. Rabbi Dr. Rosenthal, of Lamey Lodge, made the closing address. Miss Marie Liebmann delighted the company by her beautiful rendering of several concert pieces on the piano. The banquet closed at about 11 o'clock, after which the young people enjoyed terpsichorean exercises until the wee hours of morning. All the participants in the affair will remember the event with joyous reminiscences for years to come.

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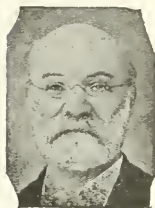


"IT was a happy thought of the founders of our Order to choose as its symbol the Menorah. . . . Symbols have been among the most potent factors of progress and of advancement. Throughout the centuries rings out the voice 'In hoc signo vinces.'—'In this sign thou wilt be triumphant.' The sign is not merely the cross; it is also the crescent, and, above all, it is the MENORAH. If we Jews are to-day standing by the grave of the nineteenth century, the heirs of a history stretching over six millennia, and still proudly are saying, 'We are Jews,'—to no slight degree is our survival due to the spell of the Menorah. Not merely is the golden candlestick the symbol of our Order: I am bold enough to state that it is the emblem of the passion of Jewish religious aspiration. The very first poem of creation, according to Jewish conception, is a variation of the *leit-motif*: "Let there be light!" When chaos heard this, the Eternal's command, it ranged itself into beauty. The depths of unfathomed abysses closed, and the stars began to mount the bastion of the night."—DR. EMIL G. HIRSCH.

Mr. Adolph Hirsh, President of the B'ne Brith Club, was tendered a banquet on Saturday evening, the 25th of March, at the club house, corner 60th Street and Lexington Avenue, by his associates on the Board of Directors of the club. Mr. Hirsh, whose term as president is drawing to a close, has been a hard worker for the interest of the club, and as an appreciation of his efforts, his associates and friends decided to tender him a complimentary dinner. Covers were laid for over fifty guests. Nestor A. Alexander, as chairman, introduced Mr. Hirsh as the guest of the evening and presented him with a gold-mounted ivory gavel, as a testimonial from his associates. Speeches were also made by Felix Jelinek, Morris Goodhart, S. Hamburger, Eugene Cohn, Julius Dinkelspiel, Daniel Huebsch and Saul Bernstein. Committee of arrangements were: H. A. Alexander, S. C. Bernstein and Emil Baruch.

MANHATTAN LODGE, No. 156, of the City of New York, which recently celebrated with great eclat its twenty-fifth anniversary, will, in commemoration of this event, present to the Home of District

No. 1, at Yonkers, N. Y., an elegant fountain, the base being twenty feet in diameter. The fountain is to be erected in the spacious lawn immediately before the building; ground has already been broken for its erection, and it will be unveiled in the latter part of May in the presence of the members of the lodge, the officers of the Grand Lodge, Board of Governors, and their ladies.



SIGMUND HAMBURGER, of New York City, has been Secretary of District Grand Lodge No. 7, for the past thirty years and is a familiar face around the office of District No. 1. He is also the Secretary of the Board of Governors and of his own lodge, Lebanon, No. 9. He recently presented an application to District No. 1 upon behalf of Lebanon Lodge for a charter for a ladies' lodge.

This is the first petition of this kind so far received.

ACCORDING to the last report issued, there are nearly 500 inmates in the Cleveland Orphan Asylum and only twenty-two of these are children of members of the Order. This Asylum was established by Districts Nos. 2, 6 and 7.

MODIN LODGE, No. 42, of San Francisco, Cal., recently gave a literary and musical entertainment at Harmony Hall which was very numerous attended. The President of District No. 4, Brother Edward I. Wolfe, and Grand Secretary Jacob Levison delivered addresses upon the occasion.



JUDGE JACOB SHRODER, who has just celebrated his forty-ninth birthday at his home in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is a member of the Court of Appeals of the Order. He was a member of the Convention of 1885, and was elected to the Court of Appeals at that time and re-elected in 1890 and 1895. He was for many years Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Cincinnati. He tried the famous assignment cases of Archbishop Purcell and Vicar-General Purcell, and the famous Ives and Staynor embezzlement cases. He was a member of the Local Reception Committee at the Cincinnati Convention.

IN District No. 8, embracing Germany, some of the best representatives of the community are interested in the development of our Order, making it the centre of literary culture, of moral elevation and widespread charity; they are creating institutions which will prove a factor in preparing the members of the Jewish com-

munity for all our works and aspirations. The most learned rabbis, authors of the highest order and men who keep in view the great ideals of humanity participate in its labors and frequently deliver lectures of profound interest. Schools for technical education, for the training of nurses and bureaus for employment of any kind are being established; children are being imbued with the spirit of charity, and the festivals of Purim and Chanuka are used as occasions for the display of that spirit by their gifts. Summer colonies, where poor children are afforded an opportunity to gain strength and health, are also supported.

A MEETING of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of District Grand Lodge. No. 1, was held on April 19th, in the office of the District in New York City. In the absence of President Kantrowitz in San Francisco, 1st Vice-President Adolph Hirsh presided. Questions of propaganda were considered.

We clip the following extract from the Report of President Lehman, of the Touro Infirmary, New Orleans: "My grateful appreciation is due to the noble Order of B'ne B'rith and its indefatigable grand secretary, Mr. Nat Strauss. We are deeply conscious of the great benefit we derive from their benevolence, and we will endeavor to do in the future what we have done in the past, namely: to deserve the good will of our brethren, whose aim is charity and helpful benevolence to suffering mankind."

DR. E. M. FRIEDLEIN, of New York City, who was at one time Grand Nasi Ab (President) of District No. 1, and a very active member of the Order, is now eighty-nine years of age.

HAGGAI LODGE, No. 132, of Providence, R. I., had a literary and musical entertainment. Rev. Dr. Rudolph Grossman, of Temple Beth-El, New York, delivered an address upon the occasion. There was a large assemblage of members, their friends and ladies.

THE Society of Past Presidents of District No. 3, recently organized in Philadelphia, is expected to accomplish much good in the Order's behalf. At its recent meeting, arrangements were made for a large summer-night's festival to take place in June next.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, No. 2, will have its annual session at Columbus, Ohio, on May 10th, 11th and 12th. The meeting and headquarters will be at the Chittenden Hotel.

UNITY LODGE, No. 273, of San Francisco, Cal., at its last meeting gave a literary and musical entertainment, which was attended by the officers of the District Grand Lodges and the officers of sister lodges. The attendance was large. After the programme was completed a "stag party" followed, at which enjoyment was general.



HON. ADOLPH KRAUS, of Chicago, is now serving the third time upon the Court of Appeals of the Order. He was a delegate to the three last quinquennial conventions of the Order. He has been President of the School Board, and Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago; he is active in the Order's work and a jolly good fellow; he was recently re-elected President of the Lakeside Club of Chicago.

THERE has been a call issued by a number of members of the Brooklyn, N. Y., lodges for a meeting which is to discuss the feasibility of organizing a B'ne B'rith Club in that city.

ZULEIKA LODGE, No. 99, of Quincy, Ill., has an excellent library of its own.

SIXTY-SEVEN persons have had their lives insured for the benefit of the Atlanta Orphans' Home, some of the policies being at expiration of a stated period, others are fully paid up. The gross amount thus guaranteed in future exceeds \$40,000.



DR. LOUIS MARETZKI, of Berlin, Germany, is President of District Grand Lodge No. 8. He is a man of excellent education, full of energy and perseverance. He has since his entry in the Order been an active worker, and is very popular with the members of the lodges of his District. He is a member of Deutsche Reichsloge No. 332.

THE B'NE B'RITH CLUB, of the city of New York, will hold its annual meeting at the club house, on Sunday, May 3rd, at which the Board of Directors and officers will be elected.

THE General Committee of District No. 1 paid an official visit to Manhattan Lodge, in the city of New York, at its recent quarterly meeting. The following officers were received by Brother Abraham S. Trier, the president of the lodge: Vice-Presidents Adolph Hirsh and Henry W. Cane, Hon. M. Ellinger, S. Hamburger, Secretary S. D. Sowards, and H. M. Blaskopf. The above

named brethren addressed the lodge upon topics concerning the Order. Brothers William A. Gans and Edward J. Graetz, who are members of the General Committee, are members of Manhattan Lodge. There was a large attendance of members.

DISTRICT No. 4, was the pioneer in the organization of junior lodges, which are known as auxiliary lodges. An official visit was recently made by the President of the District, Edward I. Wolfe, and the Auxiliary Commissioners to Adler Lodge No. 1, in San Francisco, and words of encouragement were spoken to the young men who are actively engaged in the work of the Order.

ATLANTA, GA, has its B'ne B'rith Hall.

The seventh anniversary of the B'ne B'rith Hebrew Orphans' Home was celebrated by the children of the Home on April 19th. On the same day the Board of Control of the Independent Order of the B'ne B'rith of the District No. 5 met.

During the evening, the Board, prominent Hebrews of this city and the children of the Home, assembled in the dormitory, when the following programme was rendered:

Piano Solo—Pearl Michaels.

"Anvil Chorus"—Class.

"Our Lightning Artist"—Max Kunes.

"The Bureau Drawer"—Sophie Levy.

"District Five's Victory." Anniversary song. Pearl Michaels.

"The Miracle of the Roses," operetta in one act and two scenes.

Those who took part in this operetta were chosen from the children of the home.

Clowns' Horn Drill—By nine of the young men.

Closing Address—Dora Fried.

Distribution of Prizes by the Superintendent.

Address—Hon. Simon Wolf.

On Monday evening there was a grand ball in Concordia Hall for the benefit of the home. Tickets cost five dollars each and a great many were sold.

Among the delegates were Mr. I. Moritz, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr Isaac Baer, of Wilmington, N. C.; Mr. Max Cohen, of Washington. The members of the local board are Joseph Hirsch, D. Kaufman, Jacob Elsas, Albert Steiner, Isaac Liebman, Jr., Daniel Rich, S. Landauer, Aaron Haas, L. Newelt, Max Kutz, F. Schiff, M. L. Bickart and R. A. Sonn.



AMONG the well-known members of the Order who were present at the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of the Order of Treue Schwestern were: Henry Greenebaum, of Chicago; William A. Gans, of New York; Maier Zunder, of New Haven (who acted as toast master at the banquet); Rev. Dr. M. Schlesinger, of Albany, former first-Vice-President of District No. 1; S. D. Sowards, Louis Wollstein and Secretary S. Hamburger, of New York. These ladies' lodges were originally instituted under the auspices of the Order. Mr. Greenebaum responded to his toast in the following eloquent manner:

Verehrte Festgenossen!

Es ist in der That eines der freudvollsten meiner Erlebnisse, dazu berufen zu sein, in dieser intelligenten Gesellschaft bei dieser hochfestlichen Gelegenheit den Toast „Auf die Damen“ zu beantworten. Allerdings ist dieser Toast, sozusagen, stereotyp geworden; er findet regelmäßig Platz auf dem Programm eines jeden Festmahles, und es läßt sich kaum etwas darüber sagen, das nicht schon oft ausgesprochen worden ist; aber immer wird es unserm bessern Denken willkommen sein, wird es unser Herz erfreuen, wenn wir erinnert werden an Mutterliebe, an Weibestreue, an Schwestertugend, — drei der schönsten Himmelsfrüchte, welche, auf irdischem Boden gereift, die Erde in ein Paradies verwandeln. Unter dem veredelnden Einflusse dieser Himmelsgaben kann der Mann in seinem ernstern Streben nach allem Hohen und Schönen wohl gekräftigt und gefördert werden, aber niemals wird er in seiner Befähigung für solche Segenspenden dem Weibe gleichkommen. Deshalb rufe ich aus meiner innersten Seele:

Ehre dem Weibe! — Ja:

„Ehret die Frauen, sie flechten und weben
Himmliche Rosen in's irdische Leben!“

Milde und Freundlichkeit kennzeichnet eine gute Frau; Aufgeregtheit und unzartes Benehmen schwächt ihren Einfluß und ist ihrer unwürdig.

Seit fünfzig Jahren ist der Unabhängige Orden der „Treuen Schwestern“ damit beschäftigt gewesen, seinen Mitgliedern in ihrem Streben nach voller Erkenntniß ihrer Priesterwürde hülfreich beizustehen, und der Orden hat dadurch nicht nur in engerer Familie, sondern auch in weiterer Gesellschaft, ja selbst im

staatlichen Leben, Großes und Verdienstvolles geleistet. Wir Alle fühlen es, wie segensreich das Wirken dieses Ordens gewesen ist, wie dadurch für „Liebe und Treue“ immer größerer Boden erobert wurde.

Möge er lange noch weiter so leben und streben!

Für uns gilt die Bezeichnung „Neue Frau“ für die „Alte Frau“ unter neuen und günstigeren Verhältnissen mit erweitertem Wirkungskreise, mit besseren Gelegenheiten.

In der langsam sich entwickelnden menschlichen Gesellschaft haben die Damen endlich eine höhere und einflußreichere Stellung erhalten. Wir erkennen es als Wahrheit an, daß die Frau nicht geschaffen wurde, nachdem die Schöpfung bereits vollendet war, sondern daß nach allem Andern sie geschaffen wurde, um durch ihren erlen und zarten Einfluß und durch ihre unermüdlche Thätigkeit und Ausdauer die Vervollkommenung menschlicher Verhältnisse zu ermöglichen.

Was hilft vieles Wissen und Geistesstärke ohne dazugehörige Herzensbildung, ohne entsprechenden Seelenadel?

Das Weib hat die Befähigung, auf dem Gebiete der Sittlichkeit Führer und Begleiter des Mannes zu sein. Die Anwesenheit einer Frau in hundertfachen Zweigen geschäftlicher Thätigkeit in der „neuen Zeit“ hat eine geläuterte Atmosphäre geschaffen, Anstand und Manneszucht gefördert, eine höhere Civilisation herbeigeführt.

Man spricht so viel und so oft von den Errungenschaften des neunzehnten Jahrhunderts, von den wunderbaren Resultaten des menschlichen Erfindungsgeistes, von den erzielten Wahrheiten durch wissenschaftlichen Fortschritt, und so weiter. Kann man nun die Frage: Sind die Menschen dadurch ihrer sittlichen Bestimmung näher gerückt? mit Ja beantworten?

Ein Lob gebührt dem Geiste des sich seinem Ende nahenden neunzehnten Jahrhunderts!

Die Stellung der Frauen ist eine gerechtere geworden; man ist zu der Erkenntnis gelangt, daß die Frau mehr als bloßes Instinkt besitzt, daß sie ebenso urteilsfähig ist als der Mann! Auch die Frauen genießen Zutritt in die Hörs- und Lehrsäle unserer Universitäten und wetten mit den Männern häufig mit Erfolg, nicht nur im Studiren, sondern auch im praktischen Leben, in der Ausführung ihrer Berufspflichten auf dem Boden der Literatur, Kunst und Wissenschaft. Die höchste und verdienstvollste Stellung einer Frau wird immerhin die Stellung der Mutter sein und bleiben.

Was schließt dieses Wort „Mutter“ für uns nicht Alles ein? So viel Geduld, so viel Selbstaufopferung, so viel Zärtlichkeit, so viel Liebe, so viele unermüdlche Thätigkeit und Hingebung für unser Körper- und Seelenheil! Unbegrenzt fast wie die Allmacht Gottes! Schöner und erhabener als Sonne, Mond und Sterne! O! daß alle Menschenkinder so gut und edel werden möchten, wie die gute Mutter es wünscht und anstrebt, dann werden wir das

Reich Gottes auf Erden haben, und das wahre Menschenglück wird verbreitet sein über den ganzen Erdball!

Die Reichhaltigkeit des Festprogramms zwingt mich, Ihre feierliche Aufmerksamkeit nicht länger in Anspruch zu nehmen.

Ich schließe in den Worten eines hochbegnadigten Dichters unseres Stammes:

„Wohl sollst Du hören hebe Geister,
 Verehren sollst Du Manneskraft;
 Dich sollen lehren Deine Meister
 Was Kunst vermag und Wissenschaft

Doch was das Höchste bleibt hienieden,
 Des Ew'gen nur geahnte Spur,
 Was Schönheit, Poesie und Frieden:
 Das lehren Dich die Frauen nur!



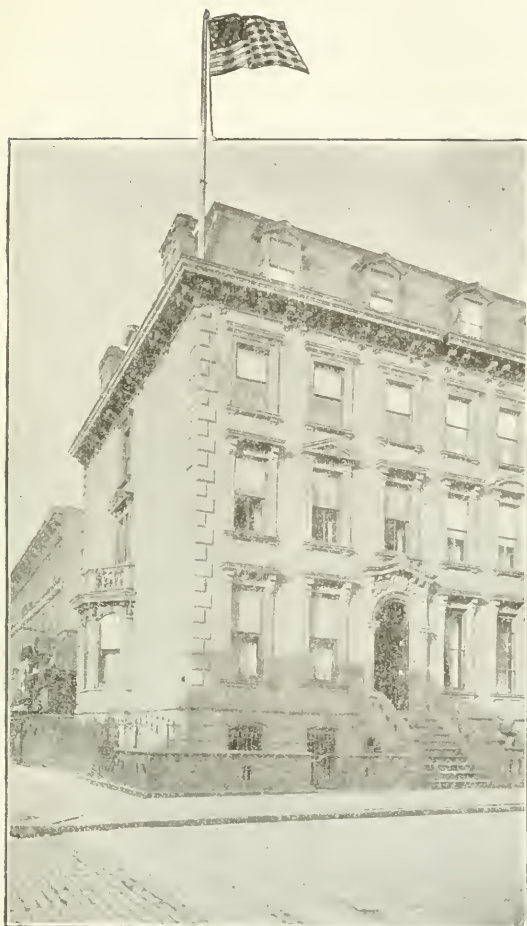
“We fully recognize that the fundamental objects of our Order are the development, elevation and refinement of the mental and moral attributes of Israel, and its annals are enriched with recountals of its endeavors in this exalted field of activity. The lodge room has been a school, in which men have practically exemplified the great principles of our faith by living and loving deeds; where many, not born in this land of liberty, learned the habits, manners, and culture of our beloved country, and also learned to glory in its greatness, and sought to acquire whatever is best and noblest in American civilization.”—
 JOSEPH HIRSCH. Brother Hirsch is a member of the Executive Committee of the Order, has been a delegate to all its conventions and is recognized as an orator *par excellence*. He is one of the most popular men in the South; his residence is in Vicksburg, Miss.

BAY CITY LODGE, No. 178, of Bay City, Mich., has recently given a very enjoyable entertainment which was largely attended.

NEW YORK CITY has 41 lodges of the Order, Philadelphia 11. Chicago 10, Baltimore 7, Cincinnati 6, Boston 5. New Orleans 5, St. Louis 5, and Washington, D. C., 6. There are now 452 lodges in the Order, and 10 grand lodges.

THE James K. Gutheim Lodge of New Orleans, promises to go ahead vigorously under its new officers. April 11th, Mr. H. W. Newman was installed as president, and Mr. Albert Aschaffenberg vice-president Mr. S. I. Heineman will be recording secretary and Mr. Edward Dinkelspiel inside guardian.

B'NE B'RITH CLUB.



THE B'ne B'rith Club of the City of New York has just renewed its lease of its handsome quarters. It now numbers 275 members. Its entertainments on Ladies' Nights (each Sunday evening) have been so crowded that attendance is now regulated by formal card of admission. Some of the best literary and musical talent participate in the entertainments which usually are followed by a dance. By the by-laws of the Club, non-members must join the Order within one year. Forty members have

through this provision joined the lodges of the District. The annual dues of members are \$12.00, non-resident members \$6.00. District No. 1 has just issued an address to the members of the lodges, calling their attention to the advantages of the Club.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. 7, will have its annual session in New Orleans during the present month.

A new lodge is to be organized in Cleveland, Ohio; sixty applicants have already signed the petition for the charter.

AN official visit was made by members of the General Committee of District No. 1 to Samuel Lodge, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 19th of April. The lodge was well attended and addresses were made by 1st Vice President Adolph Hirsh, Morris Goodhart and Henry M. Blaskopf.



DR. ADOLPH STERN, who is a prominent attorney in Bucharest, Roumania, represents the 9th District in the Executive Committee. "To District No. 9 (Roumania), the Order B'ne B'rith has proven a great benefactor in the terrible crisis which has arisen in Roumania. Brutal outrages are not countenanced by ruling classes, but the persecution of our brethren goes on with a virulence which is appalling. Knowing well that education is the greatest weapon against oppression and humiliation, they propose to keep the children of Jewish parents out of the public schools and leave them in a condition of ignorance which cannot but have the most terrible effect upon the future of our people in that country. The Order B'ne B'rith in that country is the only force to grapple with the necessities arising from these conditions, and finds means of thwarting the machinations of the anti-Semitic representatives in the Roumanian Parliament. Prompted by a spirit of heroic sacrifice, they have succeeded in enlarging the schools erected under the auspices of the Order, so that the education which the state denies to the children is offered there. It speaks well for the unity of our Order, to see our German brethren come to the material assistance of the Grand Lodge of Roumania, and that we, too, were able to contribute our share in relieving their distress. No better demonstration of the wisdom of establishing a union among Israelites for protection of their highest interests can be offered."—JULIUS BIEN.



IN the Jewish population of Prague, Bohemia (District No. 10), and its surroundings it is considered a great distinction to have been received as a member of the Brotherhood of the B'ne B'rith, and it is considered a matter of inferiority to have been rejected by the lodge. The number of the lodge in the above city is 430. Its roll at present consists of 229 members, among them being 1 professor at the University, 2 professors of an Academy, 46 doctors, namely, physicians and lawyers, a few architects, many manufacturers and merchants of prominence.

Brother Adalbert Skall, of Prague, represents the Austrian Grand Lodge in the Executive Committee.

HEBRON LODGE, No. 5, in New York City, has issued a circular to its members respecting the celebration of its Golden Jubilee, which will take place in April, 1899.

THE Summer Nights' Festival to be given by the lodges of District No. 1 in the City of New York, in July next, will, it is expected, eclipse all its predecessors. The gathering at the last festival numbered about eight thousand persons. The committee is at work preparing a programme which it is intended shall be of an interesting character. The usual games, sports and musical features will form a part of the entertainment to be offered, and the monster dancing platform will be as usual taxed to its utmost capacity. Each lodge of the District will have a representation upon the Festival Committee.

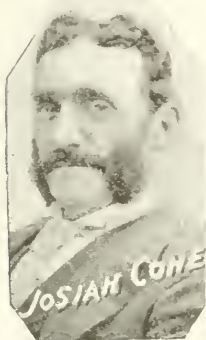
"PHILADELPHIA's Jewish population is estimated at 50,000. The pioneers were mainly of German stock. Within the last sixteen years the numbers have been augmented by the never-ceasing tide of immigration which has brought hundreds of Russian and Polish Jews to this city, and made of the lower central portion a vast Semitic settlement. Their redemption from habits of untidiness and uncleanness engendered by the life of poverty and persecution in their native land, and education into the higher civilization and duties of American citizenship, has been a severe problem, forced upon their prosperous and cultured co-religionists. That the latter have accomplished and are accomplishing a great deal in this direction no fair-minded person will dispute. In attaining the end, one of the most powerful agencies has been the Hebrew Educational Society, in whose work the Talmud Torah, the training-school of the B'ne B'rith and the Young Women's Union have all co-operated.'" —*Philadelphia Evening Telegraph*.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN LODGE, No. 190, of Bloomington, Ill., has its own library.

HILLEL LODGE, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is regaining its old popularity and prestige under the presidency of Morris Adler.

THE lodges of the city of Brooklyn are preparing for a Monster Summer Night's Festival to be given at Ulmer Park in the month of July. The park is the largest in the city and fronts the sea. The band of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum of Brooklyn will be one of the features of the occasion.

JACOB FURTH, the treasurer of the Order and one of the most popular citizens of St. Louis, is among those selected to arrange for the reception of the delegates to the Republican Convention to be held in that city next month.



JOSIAH COHEN, of Pittsburg, Pa., is the President of the Court of Appeals of the Order, and was at one time its Vice-President. Brother Cohen is a distinguished lawyer in his part of the country, and an eloquent speaker. He has occupied a number of public stations in his city; he was also recently selected as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Art Fund, which, together with the trustees of the Carnegie Library, is to expend for the purposes indicated by the donor the sum of one million

dollars given by Andrew Carnegie.

KEOKUK Lodge, No. 176, of Keokuk, Iowa, has its own lodge room.

CHANANIA LODGE, No. 165, in New York City, will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in September next.

THE members of the lodges of District No. 7 contribute to the maintenance of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, the Jewish Orphans' Home and the Judah Touro Infirmary, at New Orleans, at an annual cost of over \$70,000.



LEO N. LEVI of Galveston, Texas, is a member of the Court of Appeals of the Order, and has served several terms in the Court. He is one of the best known lawyers in the South, is a most eloquent speaker, and was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Cincinnati Convention. He created quite an excitement in Jewish circles by reason of the address entitled "The Ideal

Rabbi," delivered by him before the Union of American Congregations in New Orleans last year.

ISAIAH LODGE, No. 49, of New York City, is contemplating a visit with their ladies to the Home at Yonkers during next month.

A CHARTER for a new lodge is about to be granted by the Executive Committee in Dortmund, Germany.

THE quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum has just been held. The following officers and members of the Board were present: President Abraham Hart, of Chicago; Vice-President David Adler, of Milwaukee; Treasurer of the General Fund Kaufman Hays, of Cleveland; Treasurer of the Sinking Fund A. J. Friedlander, of Cincinnati; Financial Secretary M. Buchman, Recording Secretary and Superintendent Dr. S. Wolfenstein; Trustees Henry Greenebaum, of Chicago, and Jacob Goldsmith, of Cleveland. Three members of the Board of Directors were present. They were Mrs. Chas. Kozminski, of Chicago, and Mrs. K. Hayes and Abe Weiner.

President Hart presented the Board with a check amounting to \$6,150, the annual contribution from the citizens of Chicago.

A resolution was passed to request authority from the Grand Lodge to incorporate the Asylum, which at the present time has no legal title, on account of the Asylum having now a sinking fund.

Twenty-four names were proposed for admission. Seventeen of these were approved. Eight of those accepted are girls and these will immediately be admitted, but on account of the lack of room it will be necessary for the boys to await the discharge of some of those at present in the Asylum before they can be enrolled.

The number of inmates, exclusive of those just proposed for admittance, is 480. The last quarter opened with an enrolment of 196 girls and 277 boys, or a total of 473. During the quarter, 9 girls and 2 boys were received and 2 girls and 2 boys discharged, leaving at present 203 girls and 277 boys. A further list of recommended discharges were submitted, to be acted upon at the July meeting, when it is thought 18 girls and 12 boys will be discharged.

The annual meeting and exhibition will be held in July.

ISAIAH LODGE, No. 49, of New York City, gave a literary and musical entertainment at Terrace Garden. Dr. Rudolph Grossman, of Temple Beth El, delivered a lecture upon the occasion. After the exercises were concluded, dancing was indulged in. The attendance was very large. The entertainment was in charge of the young members recently initiated into the lodge. It is expected that ten propositions for membership will be presented at the next meeting of the lodge.

MACON CITY LODGE, of Macon, Ga., is actively at work. It has semi-monthly literary entertainments and is increasing in membership.



DISTRICT No. 7, of which Brother Charles F. Moritz is President, will have its annual session in New Orleans on May 24th. Brother Moritz is a resident of Montgomery, Ala., was a delegate to the last Convention and is very popular in his District. There is much active work going on in the District in the way of propaganda.

MANHATTAN LODGE, No. 156, of the City of New York, received ten propositions for membership at its last meeting.

DISTRICT No. 1 will have a special session of the Grand Lodge in New York City early in June, to consider the plan for a B'ne B'rith Hall and to revise the General Laws of the District.

YOUNGSTOWN LODGE, No. 339, of Youngstown, Ohio, received quite an accession of members to its ranks, upon the occasion of the recent visit of President Leo Wise and Lippman Levy of the General Committee.

DISTRICT DEPUTY ADOLPH FLEISCHMAN, of District No. 1; will pay an official visit to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 53, in Rochester, N. Y., and Montefiore Lodge, No. 70, in Buffalo, N. Y., shortly. Brother Fleischman also expects to institute a new lodge in Schenectady, N. Y.



BROTHER LEO WISE, who is President of District No. 2, has been very actively engaged in the work of the Order recently. He is the son of the renowned rabbi, Dr. I. M. Wise of Cincinnati. President Wise and Secretary Victor Abraham have been addressing large audiences in various parts of their jurisdiction. A large meeting was held in Indianapolis lately. A visit was made to Youngstown, Ohio, at which both brethren and Lippman Levy addressed the gathering, and a general outpouring of the Hebrews of Cleveland took place some days ago, the Willson Avenue Temple being filled to overflowing upon this occasion. The addresses were made by Brothers Abraham, Wise, Henry Greenebaum of Chicago, Abraham Hart of Chicago, and others, and musical exercises were rendered by the Temple choir. It is expected that a new lodge will shortly be organized in Cleveland. Dr. Gries presided at the gathering.

IMMANUEL LODGE, of New York, and the Independent Order Treue Schwestern, celebrated the golden jubilee of the initiation of the above named lodge. The lodge and order were founded under the auspices of well-known members of the Order B'ne B'rith, some of whom are still honorary members of the Order, notably Dr. E. M. Friedlein, Maier Zunder, of New Haven, Henry Greenebaum, of Chicago, and Dr. M. Schlesinger, of Albany. A round of pleasures was indulged in, beginning with a reception to visiting delegates and guests, numbering over one hundred—a banquet, at which 750 persons were present, on Sunday, April 19th, at Lexington Avenue Opera House, a ball the same evening, a theatre party at the Olympia of the visiting guests on Monday and an entertainment by the Cecilia Lorsch Verein on Tuesday evening. At the banquet Brother Maier Zunder acted as toast-master and addresses were made by Messrs. Greenebaum, Dr. Schlesinger, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Robitscher, Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Levy. Among others present were Brothers Wm. A. Gans, S. D. Sowards, S. Hamburger and Louis Wollstein. The Order has 14 lodges and a capital of nearly \$100,000, and its membership is rapidly increasing. Mrs. Sanders, of New York, is the President of the Order.

A BANQUET was given to Brother Adolph Hirsch, President of the B'ne B'rith Club, New York, by the Directors of the Club, on April 25th, in appreciation of the services of the brother rendered to the club. There was a large number of members of the club who participated in the dinner. A handsome ivory gavel was presented to Brother Hirsh by the Board of Directors.

A RECEPTION was given at the B'ne B'rith Home, at Yonkers, N. Y., on Sunday, April 26th, to Brother Henry Greenebaum and his wife. Among those present were President E. J. Graetz, William A. Gans, M. S. Hyman, S. Latz, M. Leipziger, Hon. M. Ellinger, I. Koeser, and A. Anhalt.

BROTHER J. H. HERTZ, who is prominently identified with the Order in District No. 5, is now Post-Master of Macon, Ga.

JUDGE MORRIS MARKS, of New Orleans, La., who was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention, has been chosen a delegate to the National Republican Convention to be held in St. Louis.

THE fifteenth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the Home for Aged and Infirm of District No. 1, at Yonkers, N.Y., will occur on August 10th, next. The day will probably be marked by a celebration upon the part of the Governors of the Home.

GRAND SECRETARY NATHAN STRAUSS, of District No. 7 has issued the following notice, by direction of the Committee on Intellectual Culture :

"District Grand Lodge No. 7 offers a prize of twenty dollars in gold for the best essay or article, in the English language, relating to a Jewish subject, to any *male* co-religionist in District No. 7. The essay or article should not contain less than 4,000 nor more than 10,000 words. Also, a prize of twenty dollars in gold for the best essay or article, in the English language, relating to a Jewish subject, by any *female* co-religionist in District No. 7. The essay or article should not contain less than 4,000 nor more than 10,000 words.



"The manuscript must be delivered to Nat Strauss, Secretary of District No. 7, at New Orleans, La., on or before the 15th day of May, 1896."

These essays are to be read at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

Nat Strauss is very popular with the members of his District. He was one of the Secretaries of the recent Convention of the Order.

OBADIAH LODGE, No. 119, of Augusta, Ga., at its recent meeting in its hall entertained its members and friends with a debate between Messrs. Heyman and Rosenfeld on one side and Messrs. Louis and Harry Brooks on the other. The judges were Mr. Louis Cohen and Mr. Lesser.



THE Annual Convention of District Grand Lodge No. 6 will be held in the New Allemania Hall in Kalamazoo, Mich., on May 10th, and will probably be in session for three days. During the session literary and musical entertainments will be given under the auspices of the Committee on Intellectual Advancement at the People's Church. A grand banquet will also be given in honor of the visiting delegates by Kalamazoo Lodge at the American House, and other courtesies are to be extended to the visitors. The arrangements are in the hands of Brother Samuel Folz, Selig Stern, Otto Speyer, Jacob Levy and E. B. Desenberg. Kalamazoo was selected in honor of its President, Samuel Folz, who resides in that city, and is one of its prominent citizens.

THE Intellectual Culture Committee of District No. 7, of which Brother Joseph Hirsch, of Vicksburg, is Chairman, intends to make the literary side of the Order's life felt, and to this end has offered, through circular and publication, a prize to the young lady essayist who will hand in the best essay of not less than 4000 nor more than 10,000 words on some Jewish subject; and a similar prize is offered to the young men of the District under similar conditions. In addition, the Committee is arranging for a debate by four gentlemen of the District, and this is very sure to prove a splendid feature of the coming Convention. The debate will take place in public, and a prize of fifty dollars in gold is offered to the successful competitor. Beside these the annual oration will be delivered at the session of the Grand Lodge, this year's orator being Brother Leon Weil of Montgomery, Ala., who is said to be one of the most talented young men of the District—and the essayist will be Rev. Dr. Henry Cohen of Galveston. Two of the debaters who have so far entered the lists are Brothers H. W. Newman and Edward Dinkelspiel, both of them being lawyers and residents of New Orleans. Referring to the above programme, the *Spectator* says: "No one will gainsay the good sure to flow from these literary efforts, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the energy of the Intellectual Culture Committee in this direction will be productive of good fruit. It cannot be denied that all efforts in the direction of literary improvement among the Jewish people *en masse* have met with sympathy, though too generally the results have been discouraging because of failure to actively participate instead of mere silent approbation. Perhaps the aims of the Order B'ne B'rith along this line may become more than a mere empty formula. Certainly all will look forward with pleasant anticipation to the coming exercises, by no means the most insignificant features of the Convention in May."

AN entertainment was given at the parents' meeting of the pupils of the B'ne B'rith Manual Training School in Philadelphia, Pa., which was held at the school-house on Thursday evening, April 23d.

JOSEPH D. COONS, Esq., of Wilkesbarre, President of District Grand Lodge No. 3, I. O. B. B., presided at the last meeting of the General Committee held in Philadelphia recently. The meeting was a long and interesting one, and the question of increase in membership was discussed.

THE Cleveland Orphan Asylum has received the sum of one thousand dollars as a bequest of the late Mrs. Clara Rosenblatt, of St. Louis, Mo., and one hundred dollars from the estate of Louise Bernard.



JOSEPH ROTHSCHILD, of San Francisco, Cal., is now serving his second term as a member of the Court of Appeals. He was a delegate to the Richmond and Cincinnati Conventions, is a Past-President of District No. 4, and is a well-known lawyer in his section.

ALABAMA LODGE, No. 299, and Emanu-El Lodge, No. 103, of Montgomery, Ala., have joined in fitting up their own lodge rooms. The rooms are excellently furnished, and contain also an elegant library, reading rooms, and a full stage repertoire for the use of the literary branch of the lodges. President Charles Moritz, of District No. 7, has given much attention to the accomplishment of this work.

THE literary entertainment under the auspices of Obadiah Lodge, No. 119, of Augusta, Ga., given recently, consisted of piano selections by Professor Rosenfield, violin solo by Mr. A Rosenthal. recitations by Judge Lyons, Geo. Silver and Abraham Frank.

THE grand charity ball, given by Gate City Lodge, No. 144, in Atlanta, was one of the most enjoyable events of recent times; it was largely attended and was in every way both a social and financial success.



BROTHER HENRY W. CANE, who is now Second Vice-President of District No. 1, joined Joel Lodge, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., more than twenty-five years ago. Brother Cane is also President of Mount Sinai Lodge, of New York City, numerically the strongest lodge in the Order. Brother Cane has been a member of the General Committee for a number of years.

THE *Jewish Review*, of Cleveland (O.), says: "Many months have passed since we advised the organization of a young men's lodge of the Independent Order of the B'ne B'rith in this city. The object sought for is now very near fruition and efforts are being made to organize the young Jewish men of Cleveland into a lodge which will be a credit to the city, where the Order's greatest

benevolent institution, the Jewish Orphan Asylum, is located. It is expected that this lodge will be chartered with an immense charter membership. Many prominent men have signified their intention of becoming members, and to all appearances Cleveland will soon have a lodge second in activity and membership to none. The work of the I. O. B. B. is too well known to require much explanation in these columns. International in its character, it has formed a solidarity which has been conducive to the bettering of the status of the Jew all the world over, it stands for all that is good in Judaism, for social amalgamation barring no class or nationality, tending continually to unite the Jews in bonds of better sympathy, accomplishing more with its comparatively small membership than any of the great fraternal orders of the world. Every Jew should become a member of this Order. It fills us with painful thoughts when we consider the immense number of Israelites who swell the rosters of various non-sectarian fraternities, which, although very well in their way, cannot compare with the amount of good rendered humanity at large by the I. O. B. B. and its brother orders. Jews in this city belong to orders which have separate lodges, into which a Jew cannot enter. These Jews we desire to reach. They owe something to Judaism, and if they do not belong to an order that shelters the orphan and succors the needy, now is the time for them to add their name to a lodge which will be a credit to the great order to which it is affiliated and to aid in the work of upliftment for which this lodge will pledge itself."

At the recent festivities at the B'ne B'rith Orphans' Home in Atlanta, Ga., the fifty-two orphans, headed by Miss Sophie Levy, surprised Mr. Joseph Hirsch (who is Chairman of the Board of Control) and his wife by presenting them with a handsome silver souvenir spoon, in honor of their silver wedding. In the bowl of the spoon was engraved a picture of the Orphans' Home. Upon the handle were engraved the initials of Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch and the motto of the B'ne B'rith, "Benevolence, Brotherly Love and Harmony."

WE would call attention to the following resolution adopted at the Cincinnati Convention: "That it shall be the duty of the President of each lodge to present to the lodge once a month, as a regular order of business, to be included under the head of 'Communications,' such portions, extracts or summaries of the *MENORAH* as shall pertain to the interests of the Order."

DISTRICT DEPUTY Adolph Fleischman, of District No. 1, of Albany, N. Y., accompanied by Rev. Dr. Lyon of the same city, will pay an official visit to Jacob Lodge, No. 91, at Syracuse, N. Y., during the coming month.

LEOPOLD STERN, who is an active member of Manhattan Lodge, of New York City, and who has served a number of years as a governor of the Home in Yonkers, has been elected to serve as one of the Electors for President by the Republican Convention in New York City.

HON. SIMON WOLF was re-elected President of the Board of Control of the Atlanta, Ga., Orphan Asylum. In February, 1897, District No. 5 will hold its convention in Baltimore, and at the same time the Board of Control of the Orphans' Home will meet again.

HON. JACOB A. CANTOR, who is a member of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 213, of New York City, and who has been the Democratic leader in the New York State Senate for a number of years, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor of the State of New York.

AMERICA LODGE, No. 410, of New York City, initiated four candidates at its last meeting. Among the visitors present and who addressed the lodge were Brother Henry Greenebaum, of Chicago, First Vice President Adolph Hirsh, Dr. Sonneschein and Ignatius Rice. Dr. Grossman delivered the charge to the candidates. A Bible, formerly belonging to Dr. Friedlein, and containing some valuable autographs of members of the Order, was presented to the lodge by Bro. Greenebaum. A banquet at the B'ne B'rith Club followed the exercises.

Editorial

THE JESSE SELIGMAN MONUMENT.

THE monument in commemoration of the noble life of Jesse Seligman, who for nearly a quarter of a century had been identified with the charitable institutions of the City of New York and especially the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society, was unveiled on the 23d of April. It was placed in the vestibule of the Orphan Asylum, where a large audience, comprising the best and most representative elements of Jewish society, had assembled, and where also were present General Butterfield, ex-Comptroller

Andrew H. Green, ex-Justice Noah Davis, ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, as well as most of the Jewish ministers. The monument is the work of Sir Moses Ezekiel, the well-known American sculptor. On a shaft, composed of Roman fasces, rests the bust of the sainted philanthropist. At the base, an orphan child bears a scroll upon which is inscribed the legend: "His charity knew not sect or creed," and an eagle scotches with his talons the head of the reptile of intolerance which threatens to fold itself around the spirit of liberty, which constitutes the glory and safety of the Republic.

The principal address was delivered by Mr. Edward Lauterbach, a member of the Board of Directors, in receiving and accepting the gift from the hands of Mr. Louis Stern, who presented the monument to the institution in behalf of the donors. He dwelt in glowing words upon the happiness of the artistic conception and idea bodied forth in bronze and paid a deserved tribute to the genius of the artist, who was present. He then dwelt upon the noble character, the endearing traits which distinguished the late Jesse Seligman, and the beneficent influence which he exercised and which will continue to work by its sweetness, beauty and goodness upon generations to come. Beginning at the lowest step of the ladder, he pushed his way upward until he occupied a position of such eminence that his advice was sought by the leaders of the nation and his voice listened to with that reverence which is paid to wise and sagacious councilors. But he never lost sight of the fact that his life was to be an example for his people and that the high position which the Jews hold in this free country is due to the Jews of the Jesse Seligman type. He was never too busy to forget the needs of the poor and the helpless, and the fatherless found in him another parent. He had taken the little waifs of the institution to his heart and they in turn loved him with that arduousness which requites the affection of the parent. His charity was not confined to the institution over which he presided for so many years; he was identified with every organization of charity, and if our city can well be proud of the many institutions which testify of our humanity and in which the Jewish community of New York is not excelled by any other city of the world, it is largely due to his restless labors and his boundless love.

The picture which the speaker unfolded with matchless oratorical skill drew copious tears from those that were under his spell. Mr. Lauterbach was followed by Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, ex-Mayor of the City, who paid a glowing tribute to the virtues and excellent social qualities of the Israelites, and who closed with the remark that he was opposed to all laws that would place a restriction upon emigration, firmly convinced as he is that the descendants of those who now trod our streets in foreign garb and humble mien would form part of our best and most useful constituents of society.

Domestic Notes.

THE Concordia Club of Chicago is discussing the building of a new club house.

THE Keneseth Israel Public Library, of Philadelphia, has 3,323 volumes; the Rodef Shalom Library of the same city contains 1,374 volumes. The former has about eight per cent. Judaica and the latter about the same proportion.

THE net proceeds for the Touro Infirmary, of New Orleans, from the recent fair are now stated to be \$54,000. The institution has no debts. The city appropriation to the Infirmary is \$6,000 per annum. The Infirmary has resolved to establish a training school for nurses and the expenditure for the first year will be \$1,000. After this the school will be self-supporting.

DR. I. M. WISE, of Cincinnati, delivered a sermon at the Temple B'rith Sholom in Louisville, Ky.

THE *Occident*, which has been published for many years, has ceased to exist.

VICTOR ABRAHAM, of Cincinnati, has been elected President of the Hebrew General Relief Society of that city.

A JEWISH vintner, Mr. Levi Zivi, has received the first prize at a recent competitive wine exhibition in France. He is a well known grower, his vineyards being renowned in various parts of Europe.

THE three North End Jewish clubs of Boston, Mass., are to unite into one body.

THE report of the Baron de Hirsch Fund distribution in Philadelphia during the year showed that, of 540 applicants assisted, tools were supplied to 83; trades taught to 92; assisted in business 125; transportation secured for 235, and support provided for 5. The total expenditure was \$3,701.68.

WORK upon the Jewish Publication Society's new Bible has actively begun. It will be several years before it is completed.

A NEW Hospital for Consumptives has been dedicated in Baltimore. Rev. Dr. Guttmacher delivered the address upon the occasion.

THE Jews of Bellaire, O., numbering twenty families, have organized a congregation.

"THE anti-Semitic commotion in Vienna begins to bear legitimate fruits. In the same ratio as Vienna goes backward in commerce and industry Buda-Pesth rises and flourishes, simply because there is no anti-Semitism in the Hungarian capital. Several large establishments have been moved from Vienna to Buda-Pesth, but it created no actual sensation. Now the press is becoming alarmed, for it has become known that the Baron Albert Rothschild has purchased a tract of land in a suburb of Buda-Pesth, and contracts are given out to improve the plot and to erect there the necessary buildings for the future residence of the Rothschild family. Now the press gives the alarm, and maintains that many more houses and establishments will make the same change, and Buda-Pesth will become the business centre of the empire at the expense of Vienna."—*American Israelite*.

L'Italie says of the Seligman monument unveiled on the 23d of April: "The monument is a work in every way exceptional. Upon a pedestal formed by three capitals of ancient style—Assyrian, Egyptian and Roman—the fasces of the American Union stands, upon which the bust of Seligman rests. On the right of this column of fasces a child in tattered garments represents the orphans whom he has taken care of and by his generosity placed beyond want, while on the left the American eagle destroys the serpent of Intolerance that winds its coils from the bottom of the pedestal through the ruins of the past dynasties to the top, to show that Intolerance destroyed them, while in the United States of America, where true liberty is complete, religious intolerance does not exist."

REV. DR. BAAR, the efficient Superintendent of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in New York City, has just celebrated the three score and tenth anniversary of his birth.

DR. AARON WISE, who for twenty-one years has been the Rabbi of Synagogue Rodeph Sholom in New York City, died immediately after reaching his home from the service on the second day of Passover. Dr. Wise came from a family of Rabbis, being the sixth in line, and his son is also a rabbi, Dr. Wise was fifty-three years of age, and was born in Hungary. He was very popular with his congregation. His funeral took place from the Synagogue, Rev. Drs. Kohler, Gottheil and Grossman officiating.

IN his message read at the recent annual meeting of the Association for the Relief of Jewish Widows and Orphans in New Orleans, President Gabriel Kahn stated that during the year the membership increased from 758 to 819. At present the Home

shelters 77 girls and 57 boys. The city, the President says, has but 13.43 per cent of children and the country 86.57 per cent, and yet the burden upon the city, counting all the receipts from outside of its limits, amounts to 78 per cent of the entire expenditure.

THE Jewish Religious Society of Marion, Ind., is to have a synagogue.

THE various Jewish relief societies are forming a union under the name of United Hebrew Relief Association of Allegheny County. A charter has been applied for by the Society.

SEVENTY-eight congregations have already adopted the new Union Prayer-Book.

THE Sabbath School Union will meet in Milwaukee the second Monday in July.

THERE is a Russian Hebrew colony now in Logan County, Colorado, numbering 500 people. Each colonist is given two acres of irrigated land, a small house, a team, a cow and farm machinery, and will raise vegetables and small fruits for the Denver market. They have fifteen years to pay for their outfits. This is a branch business of T. C. Henry, formerly the Abilene wheat king. He owns 2,000,000 acres of irrigated land.

DR. SILVERMAN of New York and Dr. Samfield of Memphis will deliver the orations at the Central Conference of Rabbis to be held in Milwaukee, in July next. Drs. Felsenthal of Chicago, Grossman of Detroit, Aaron of Buffalo and Rosenau of Baltimore will read papers.

SOLOMON GAN, sone of Philadelphia's most respected residents, died recently at the age of ninety-two years. He was a resident of Philadelphia for over sixty years, and for more than twenty years served as president of the United Hebrew Charities.

PITTSBURG, Pa., proposes to erect a Hebrew Free School at a cost of \$30,000.

THE Directors of the Hebrew Institute in New York City have decided to hold another Art Exhibition during the present month. Over 100,000 persons attended the last Exhibition.

THE Hebrew Free School of Syracuse, N. Y., has been granted a provisional charter by the Regents of the State. The work of building the school will begin shortly. Fifty scholars have expressed a desire and willingness to attend and more will follow. The Board consists of six Directors, the President being Lewis Manson.

AMONG those appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the delegates to the National Republican Convention, which is to be held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., are the following citizens of that city: Jonathan Rice, Jacob Furth, Moses Schoenberg, Charles Stix, J. J. Wertheimer, and Hon. Nathan Frank.

THE new society, organized by former inmates of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, resident in the city of Chicago, Ill., has been named after the Hon. Isidore Bush. A meeting of this organization was held during the past month.

THERE are one hundred and thirty-two thousand ministers of the various religious creeds in the United States.

THE Temple in Evansville, Ind., is to be remodeled, under the direction of the ladies of the congregation.

DR. KRAUSKOPF has netted the sum of \$2500 from his recent lecture tour for the benefit of the fund of the National Farm School at Doylestown, Pa. The fund now amounts to \$16,500, of which sum \$10,000 has been paid for the farm and \$5,000 will be used for building purposes. The first building is to be erected very shortly. The farm, which has been purchased covers 122 acres within an hour's ride from Philadelphia. There are groves of woodland, orchards, wells, springs and ponds. It is located immediately opposite the celebrated Burpee Seed Farm.

THE Jewish Ladies' Sewing Society of Cincinnati, O., has just closed the twenty-first year of its existence, in which period it has done a vast deal of good. Mrs. Julius Freiberg, is at present at the head of the Society. The disbursements for the past year aggregate \$2,084.

IT is said that Rosa Bonheur, the celebrated painter, the late President Peixotto of Brazil and Du Maurier, the author of *Trilby* were each born of Jewish parents. It is also claimed that Baron Fava, recently Italy's minister to this country, is a Jew.

THE semi-centennial celebration of the Congregation Children of Israel, at Augusta, Ga., will take place on September 6th of this year.

DR. I. LEWINTHAL, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered an address recently before the students of the Vanderbilt University in that city upon the "Aims and Tendency of the Book of Ecclesiastes."

THE Congregation at Bath Beach, Long Island, New York, has recently been incorporated.

AT Temple Emanu-El in Milwaukee, Wis., a large congregation was present at the installation of the new incandescent lights with which the edifice has recently been supplied. There are two hundred and thirty-eight lights arranged conveniently around the auditorium. Suspended from the centre of the dome is a chandelier of fifty-six lights.

AN invitation has been extended by the Temple Beth-El, New York City, to H. B. Claflin Post, G. A. R., to attend special services in the temple on Memorial Sunday, May 24th. The Post has accepted and the members of the Post in uniform will march to the temple, at Fifth Avenue and 76th Street, and occupy the front pews.

THE Young Men's Hebrew Association, of Louisville, Ky., has 411 members, and its real estate is valued at \$25,000.

MR. CHARLES L. HALGARTEN, who for many years was identified with our New York charities, has, after an absence of twenty years, paid a visit to the City of New York and has been the recipient of much attention by the boards of our leading asylums and institutions. He also visited the Educational Alliance and Hebrew Free Schools at which addresses were made by Mr. Albert F. Hochstadter and Hon. Isidor Straus.

AT the second conference of the Jewish Religious School Union, held at Dr. Silverman's residence, Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendes explained "How to Teach Ethics through Biblical History."

COLONEL A. G. WEISSERT, past commander of the G. A. R., read a paper on "The Hebrew in the Union Army" before the E. B. Wolcott Post in Milwaukee, Wis. For a number of years Col. Weissert contemplated the preparation of a paper as an answer to articles reflecting on the bravery and patriotism of the Jewish soldier. The Colonel testifies to the patriotism of our coreligionists in the army.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has accepted an invitation to lay the cornerstone of the National Farm School. Among those who will participate are Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith, Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton, and Gov. Hastings of Pennsylvania.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL has been organized in Marion, Ohio.

PROF. F. J. HOLZWORTH of the University of Syracuse delivered a lecture before the Jewish Culture Society of Syracuse, New York. The subject of the professor's lecture was "The Mission and Equipment of Religious Organizations."

THE West End Synagogue of New York has a library of fourteen hundred volumes.

WOONSOCKET Hebrews are very indignant, and justly so, over a gratuitous insult in a recently issued city paper, charging them with soliciting aid of Mayor Greene in order to form a Democratic club. Our Hebrew citizens are a very provident class, well able to defray their own political or other expenses, and when they enter politics it is as American citizens, not as Hebrews.—*Woonsocket (R. I.) Reporter*.

RABBI WINTNER of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a discourse on "The Higher Aims of Liberty," among other things says: "Personal liberty cannot and should not be restrained by scheming legislators and political party leaders. Liquor legislators and temperance measures, of whatever character they may be, cannot and will not check the drinking habit, nor will new-fangled alcoholic lessons in the public schools improve much the moral standard of the community."

THE new synagogue in Pensacola, which is built upon the site of the one that was destroyed by fire about a year ago, is nearly completed. It will be one of the finest edifices of its kind in the South.

ATLANTA, GA., has a new social organization called "The Hebrew Association;" a building is now in course of erection to be used by the same.

BEQUESTS of \$250 each were left to the Hebrew Hospital and Asylum Association, the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Hebrew Benevolent Society and the German Orphan Asylum of Baltimore, by the late Mrs. Marianne Pollock.

THE Hebrew Free School Association of New York is devising means by which its work may be fostered and its receipts be increased.

SINAI CONGREGATION of Chicago has 337 members, a gain of 34 during the past year.

DR. EMIL G. HIRSCH, whose present contract with Sinai Congregation, Chicago, expires in 1898, has been asked by the congregation to renew the same for ten years from the above date at the annual salary of \$12,000. Mr. Albert Fishell has been elected president of the congregation.

REV. ALOIS KAISER, who was at work on the music to Psalm xxi. for the coronation celebration of Czar Nicholas II. of Russia, has completed the work and has sent it to the congregation of Odessa. The composition consists of recitatives and solos for tenor and three large choruses for mixed choir and organ.

At a general meeting of the Har Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, the object being to abolish the kneeling or *Mishtachavim* of the Neila prayer, Mr. Wm. S. Rayner made an eloquent appeal to adhere to the Einhorn Ritual, as has always been the custom, and most beautifully explained its object and its meaning, giving such convincing proofs that it was unanimously resolved to adhere to the Yom Kippur prayers as formerly, without any deviation or alteration. The meeting adjourned harmoniously.

THE fifth annual course of lectures on the Percy Turnbull Memorial was delivered this year by the Rev. George A. Smith, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in the Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland. The subject of the course was "Hebrew Poetry." The lectures were eight in number, and were delivered in McCoy Hall, Johns Hopkins University, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the afternoon at five o'clock. The first lecture was delivered on Monday afternoon, April 13th. The subjects of these eight lectures on "Hebrew Poetry" were as follows: 1. The Race; 2. The Language and Rhythms; 3. The Poetry of Nature: the Mythology; 4. The Early National Poetry: the Making of Israel; 5. David: Fact and Question; 6. Our Mother of Sorrows: the Poetry of Complaint and Confession, of Satire and Vengeance, Evil and Death; 7. The Poetry of Wisdom: the Book of Proverbs; 8. The Poetry of Wisdom: the Book of Job.

IN the John Street Temple, Cincinnati, a Christian woman recently embraced Judaism. The ceremonies were conducted agreeably to the formula prescribed by the Rochester Central Conference of American Rabbis.

PART VIII. of Dr. M. Jastrow's Hebrew Dictionary has just been published.

THERE has recently been organized in New York City a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Society for the Aid of Jewish Prisoners. Their peculiar province will, of course, be to attend to the needs of their sister co-religionists in the penal institutions.

RABBI L. DARMSTADTER, formerly of the Emanuel Congregation of Chicago, has been elected Rabbi of the Bohemian Congregation Chevra Kedischa of Cleveland, O.

DR. NOOT has accepted a call from Troy, N. Y., the Congregation at Newburgh having released him from his engagement recently entered into.

AT Temple Sinai and Touro Synagogue, New Orleans, the new Union Prayer book was used for the first time on the first day of Passover. At the close of the services an appeal was made by Dr. Heller, of Temple Sinai, on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Dr. Alfred Clay, the head of this organization, spoke on Friday at the Temple on the needs of his institution and the force of his remarks had a telling effect, as three of the members of the Temple have already subscribed \$200 towards a home for the waifs, to be known as the Joseph K. Gutheim Home, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the death of the first Rabbi of Temple Sinai.

THE corner stone of the club-house of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of New Orleans, La., was laid with appropriate ceremonies on April 15th.

THE CLOTHIERS' ASSOCIATION, of New York, gave a banquet at the Waldorf recently. Seventy-five firms were represented.

ACCORDING to the latest report of the Hebrew Women's Sewing Society, of Boston, Mass., 375 families were assisted in the past year, 375 bundles distributed, 590 adults and 1,025 children were assisted. The Society consists of 550 members.

A NEW Synagogue is to be erected in East Boston, Mass.

THE executors of the estate of the late Simon Muhr, of Philadelphia, have divided nearly \$100,000 to various charities in that city of all creeds.

A FAIR was recently given in San Francisco for the benefit of the Home for Aged and Infirm Israelites. The Home is in need of assistance, and this will undoubtedly prove welcome aid.

CONGREGATION Beth Israel in Macon, Ga., intends building a new synagogue. The ladies of the Temple Guild are to give a festival shortly in Crump's Park in aid of this purpose.

DR. L. GREENBAUM, of Philadelphia, has just been elected to the Chair of Anæsthetics and Odontotechnia in Philadelphia Dental College.

JUDGE SULZBERGER of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, Pa., has approved a charter which has been granted to the Congregation Beth Elohim, which is to be known as the Reform Congregation of Northwestern Philadelphia.

At an election held under the auspices of the "Pi Lamda Phi Fraternity" at Yale College, Mr. Louis Samter Levy, of St. Louis, Mo., was elected to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Council. Mr. Levy also had the honor, last year, of carrying off a Berkley prize.

THE Michael Reese Hospital, of Chicago, recently received a donation of \$5,000 from Mrs. M. A. Meyer.

HON. SIMON WOLF, upon his recent visit to Atlanta, occupied the pulpit of Rabbi Marx of Atlanta, Ga., and addressed the members of the newly organized Hebrew Association.

AN application for a charter for a new Jewish congregation was filed in the clerk's office in Atlanta, Ga. They desire to be incorporated as the congregation Chevra Kadisha.

THE following societies in Cincinnati, O., will constitute the new United Charities Association, recently organized: Foster Home Society, Kindergarten Society, Kitchen-garden Association, Technical School Board, Industrial School Board, Hebrew General Relief Association, Society for the Relief of the Sick Poor, and Ladies' Sewing Society.

THE Jews of Massachusetts are making efforts to have the laws amended so that those who observe their Sabbath may keep their places of business open on Sunday. The press are treating their efforts with favor.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., has twenty Jewish families, a Temple which cost \$35,000, but has had no rabbi for about two years.

THE building fund for the new Washington, D. C., Temple has been increased about \$15,000 by the recent fair.

THE Sisterhood of the Temple Beth-El, New York, has 474 members and 59 patrons. Its receipts during the year were \$4,785.36 and its expenditures \$4,153.64.

THE Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews in New York City has about completed its addition to its building.

HON. AMOS J. CUMMINGS delivered a lecture before the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Carnegie Hall, New York. His subject was "Horace Greeley."

THE Infant Asylum in New York City realized over two thousand dollars from a dramatic performance given for its benefit. The Sisterhood of the Temple Ahawath Chesed was also enriched by the sum of one thousand dollars, being the proceeds of another similar entertainment.

THE Young Men's Hebrew Association of New York will have a Strawberry Festival at Lenox Lyceum on May 9th.

A NEW temple is to be erected in Little Rock, Ark. at a cost of about \$25,000.

THE Hebrews of Philadelphia are protesting against sectarian exercises in the public schools, notably against Easter and Christmas festivals, and against the singing of church hymns. Attention is also directed to a Young Men's Christian Association, organized among the pupils of one of the high schools, which association holds meetings every Friday afternoon in the school building. The Board of Education have taken the protest under advisement.

EFFORTS are being made to build a synagogue in Columbia, S. C. The ground has already been purchased.

DR. EMIL G. HIRSCH delivered a discourse recently in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol at Springfield, Ill. He was introduced by Governor Altgeld, whose guest he was at the Executive Mansion. The lecture was delivered to make propaganda for the Liberal Religious Congress. The doctor spoke at the Valparaiso, Ind., opera house on "The New Religion," in response to an invitation from citizens of that city.

THERE will be a grand charity concert given by the Purim Association in aid of the United Hebrew Charities of the City of New York at the Metropolitan Opera House, on May 2d. A large sum is expected to be realized.

THE new annex of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in New York City is receiving its finishing touches. With this addition the Asylum will be able to house twelve hundred children.

THE Beth-El Temple of New York City has organized a Junior Sisterhood.

SPEAKING of the Jews as workers and farmers, the *Minneapolis Times* says: "A Jew gave the first great impetus to grape-growing and wine-making in Missouri, and distributed vines throughout the entire valley of the Mississippi. Jewish enterprise is needed to develop the wine-making interest of this country. There is no

reason why the United States should not rank as the first wine-making country in the world. We have suitable soil and climate for grapes and a supply of excellent wood for making wine casks." The Jew referred to is the Hon. Isidor Bush, of St. Louis, Mo.

THE dues of the Women's Society of the Home for Aged Jews, of Chicago, have been increased from \$3 to \$4 per annum.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in New York City to form a permanent organization of the Hebrew veterans of the late war, to be known as the Hebrew Union Veterans' Association. A temporary organization has been perfected. It has been determined to hold the first memorial services on the eve of Memorial Day. President May, of the Congregation Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street, has offered the use of the Temple for the occasion.

RABBI CALISCH, of Richmond, Va., delivered a lecture at the Grace Street Presbyterian Church on "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," for the benefit of the Old Dominion Hospital.

IT is said that ten thousand persons were present at the debate in Atlanta, Ga., upon the gold and silver question, between ex-Speaker Crisp and Mr. Smith, in reference to which the *Jewish Tribune* says: "Mr. Crisp was weak, and he materially weakened his speech by slurringly referring to the Rothschilds and Ickleheimers. Mr. Crisp blundered. Five hundred Israelites heard the ironical inuendos with suppressed feelings of indignation. It was not what Mr. Crisp said, *but the manner in which he said it*. The religion of the Belmonts Morgans, Whitneys, Ickleheimers and Rothschilds cuts no figure in a debate on the money question. When a man's position is so debilitated that he is compelled to resort to religious prejudices to arouse the sympathy of his audience, his position is untenable. We deprecate such appeals to the smouldering prejudices, and our protest will find response in the heart of every American citizen. The Jews do not tolerate the principles of the A. P. A. on or off the platform."

SEVERAL Israelites were arrested in New York City recently for what is called "moonshining." The police thought they had discovered a "still," but it turned out that they were merely manufacturing unfermented wine for use during Pesach. The U. S. Commissioner promptly discharged them.

THE Board of Directors of the United Hebrew Charities of Philadelpha at their meeting held recently presented the presi-

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dent of the society, Mr. Edward L. Rothschild, with a handsome framed portrait of himself. The presentation was made by Messrs. Arnold Kohn and Charles Hoffman, and the portrait will be permanently placed in the office of the United Hebrew Charities.

DR. SIMON FLEXNER, of Johns Hopkins University, delivered a lecture before the Alumnae Association of the High School. Dr. Flexner is a native of Louisville, Ky., having left for Baltimore in 1890, when he entered Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student in Pathology. During these years he has been associate Professor and is now Resident Pathologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

MR. FREDERICK COHN, a senior student of the Hebrew Union College, has been elected rabbi of the congregation of the Achduth Vesholom Temple of Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE Young Men's Hebrew Association of Philadelphia has a bicycle section.

THE First Hebrew Congregation of Oakland, Cal., contemplates the erection of a new synagogue.

THE Altsheim of San Francisco has received a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of the late Isaac Hecht.

SENATOR MEYER CAHEN, of New Orleans, La., has been elected a delegate to the National Republican Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo.

NOW comes a New York Rabbi, who is certainly old enough to know and do better, announcing as the subject of his sermon on the last day of Passover, "Was Jesus a Martyr?" Is there any wonder that his congregation desires to make a change—and if only for variety, hear something about Judaism? Has the contagion spread from Philadelphia to New York? The New York congregations had better seek some antidote for the poison. Unless we are sadly in error the New York Jews are not too deeply instructed in the principles of their faith.—*Jewish Comment*.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL, of the City of New York, intends to leave its present site for a more eligible location. It needs greater facilities, and is now in the heart of the residence district of New York City.

THE Harmonie Club of the City of New York expects to raise four hundred thousand dollars by subscription to bonds toward the erection of a new club house which, added to its present assets, will bring the sum to about one million dollars which is to be the cost of the edifice.

Foreign Notes.

A NEW Jewish kitchen has, by the kind consideration of the Asylums Committee of the County Council, been provided at the Colony Hatch Asylum in London for cooking kosher food for the Jewish inmates. The kitchen was opened last month, and is now in working order. It has been especially erected and fitted with the necessary cooking apparatus.

MR. DAVID NUTT, of London, has in the press for immediate publication a translation of Dr. Herzl's pamphlet, "The Jewish State: an essay towards the solution of the Jewish Question," which has created so much interest in Austria. It is also being translated into French, Russian, Dutch and Hebrew, so Dr. Herzl's visionary phantasmagory will become widely known.

THROUGH the zeal of Prof. Hahn, Messrs. Lewis and Marks, of Cape Town, South Africa, have promised the handsome sum of \$1,000 towards the endowment of the Chair of Hebrew in the South African College, which lapsed on the death of Rev. Dr. Heyn in 1873. This chair the Senate and Council have decided to revive, and the Rev. A. P. Bender has been appointed its occupant.

AT Cairo, Egypt, there died recently a staunch supporter of the Jewish National cause. Vassili Lazarevich Berman, born thirty-six years ago in Curland, was educated at the University of St. Petersburg. He founded the Palestine Society in Russia, securing the government's sanction and published volumes containing articles in behalf of Palestine's resettlement. He lent his efforts to developing agriculture among Jews of all countries. He was also a most active member of "The Society for Diffusing Enlightenment among the Jews of Russia."

GERMAN anti-Semitic students at Vienna, having declared that they would refuse all challenges from corps students who are Jews, the Jewish students appealed to the Rector of the University to interfere and allow them to have their faces slashed like Christians. He refused, but has been forced by the Minister of Public Instruction to punish the students who presided at the meeting where the declaration was made. The Jews are all taking fencing lessons.

THE Bishop of Waitzen, Mgr. Constantin Schuster, has performed a noble act by presenting 100,000 florins for the erection of a hospital, in which the sick are to be received without distinction of creed. A leading Buda-Pesth newspaper having expressed surprise at this deed, the Bishop has written a letter in reply in which he states: "Before the justice seat of God and in my own eyes all men are equal. Am I to stand at the door of the Hospital, and ask a patient who is brought there: 'What is your religion?' That would be neither humane nor Christian. In my heart every God-fearing man has an equal place, and I thank the Almighty that the different denominations in my diocese live in peace and concord. Believe me, I know in my diocese hundreds and hundreds of Christians, other than Catholics, and Jews, who have to struggle for their daily bread, but who honorably earn it. These people are as near to my parental heart, and I pray daily for their happiness as I do for that of my fellow-believers."

SIGNOR GIACOMO MALVANO, councillor of state, has been appointed director-general of the Italian cabinet of foreign affairs in the ministry of the Marquis di Rudini.

RABBI LEONE RACAH, professor at the rabbinical seminary at Rome, and co-editor of the *Corriere Israelitico*, has been elected preacher to the Jewish community in that city, in succession to the late Chief-Rabbi Ehrenreich.

PROF. ASSER, member of the Dutch Privy Council, represented Holland, and Signor Ottolenghi represented Italy, at the International Conference of States which are adherents to the Berne Convention.

A CONSIDERABLE number of Jewish officers have joined the Italian reinforcements sent out to Abyssinia. Among them is Cavaliere Major Achille Coen, to whom was given the command of the fortieth battalion. Several officers were engaged in the disaster at Adowa, but their fate is not yet known.

AT the annual convention for conferring degrees on the graduates of the Calcutta University, the only lady who was admitted this year to the B.A. degree was Miss Matilda Cohen.

CAPTAIN SVIAGIN, who is to command the Russian Red Cross expedition to Africa, has published some of his impressions of Abyssinia, and the *London Times* correspondent, in referring to the remarks of Captain Sviagin on the Christian orthodoxy of the Abyssinians, says: "The high opinion of the Jews held by the Negus

Menelek, and his protest against their persecution which has just been published, ought to touch a very sensitive spot in the Russian conscience."

AT the first "drawing room" of the season, held by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales at Buckingham Palace, Miss Linda Oppenheim was presented by Mrs. Henry Oppenheim, Mrs. Faudel Phillips presented her two daughters, and Miss Violet Stern was presented by her mother, Mrs. James Stern.

THE solemn dedication of the Jewish kindergarten in Berlin, Germany, took place recently at the synagogue of the Jewish Home. A children's service was held, which deeply impressed the assembled audience. The address was delivered by Rabbi Dr. Weisse. Cantor Marksohn conducted divine services.

THE German National Students of the Vienna University have passed a resolution, according to which Jews are declared members of an inferior race and therefore not entitled to the customary satisfaction for insult. The Jewish students answer this aspersion by pointing to the records of Jewish student corporations, registering a large number of duels, in most of which the Jewish party proved victorious. Both military and academical authorities have answered the resolutions with expression of disapproval and repressive measures.

THE Union of German Mercantile Associations has rejected the application of the German National Merchants Assistants Association of Hamburg, because the latter is well-known for its anti-Semitic tendencies.

BENEDICT HAUSE died recently at Eisenach, Germany, aged 83 years, after a long and painful illness. Funeral orations were held by Dr. Salzer and the teacher Heidingsfeld. The deceased was formerly chief-teacher and preacher in Oberanla, but had retired to private life. He contributed to juvenile literature a number of popular stories, such as "Die Starken," "Der Wahrheits Segen und der Luege Fluch," "Schein und Sein," "Aus dem Juedischen Leben," and others.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—A tea and social gathering was held under the auspices of the Jewish Tailors' Society of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. More than 150 ladies and gentlemen sat down to tea. All the speakers made reference to the great need experienced in the town of an institute for Jewish working men and women,

similar to those existing in London and Manchester; and it is, intended to make strong endeavors to found one as soon as possible.

"THE real truth is, says a correspondent of the *Jewish Chronicle*, in Bucharest, the arbitrary will of King Charles of Roumania. I know this from a sure and certain source, whatever people may say and if I communicate it to you, it is that our co-religionists in the two hemispheres may know positively that here in Roumania laws voted and printed are often absolutely worthless. The will of the king is omnipotent for all the five million inhabitants of Roumania, as well as for the Ministers, for the members of the legislative bodies, and for all political parties. The proofs that I can advance are numerous. I also wish to affirm that the allegations of the king, so often repeated to Jewish deputations who complained of restrictions and persecutions that he could do nothing against the Parliament because he is a constitutional king, are not exact. The same allegation was made to our co-religionists abroad, and even to those in London, whenever they intervened in our behalf. It is evident then that his Majesty can do everything, but he is not willing to do anything for the welfare of his Jewish subjects, so faithful and so peaceful."

It is said that Rabbi Hirsch Hurwitz, of Frankfort, would frequently preface his sermons by saying: "*Rabbousi*, I never aim at any one when I preach; but if any one *thinks* I am aiming at him, then I am certainly aiming at him."

It is rumored that the Ministry of Agriculture will shortly bring before the Council of the Empire of Russia, a proposal for the improvement of agriculture among agriculturists settled on Government estates in the Cherson and Ekaterinoslav Provinces. The "Minsky Listok" ("Minsk Leaflet") contains a leading article in one of its recent numbers, in which appears the following: "The Emperor was pleased to order the Minister of the Interior to consider the question of alteration of and addition to, where necessary, the Temporary Rules of 3d May, 1882, which prohibit Jews from settling outside towns and townlets. This Imperial Order is so much the more important as the question of Jewish landowners has again been raised in official circles."

"THE prospect of the opening of the public museums and picture galleries in London on Sunday," says the *Jewish Chronicle*, "has been moved a great step forward by the significant vote on Tuesday evening in the House of Commons. The debate was

marked by the prevalence of common sense over a narrow ecclesiastical view of the subject. Of special Jewish interest was the intervention of Sir Samuel Montagu in the discussion. As the representative of Whitechapel he spoke with some authority, both as a Jew and as the representative of a working-class constituency. As an observant Jew, he pointed out that there was no objection on the part of the most observant of his community to visiting museums and picture galleries on Saturday, and, in fact, that day was often preferentially chosen. He thought the labor difficulty could be got rid of by engaging the services of Jews or Mohammedans on Sundays. Jews are so employed in the Reference Library in Birmingham."

HERR BRAUNHART, a retired teacher, celebrated lately at Schubin (Province of Posen) his "diamond wedding." He was the recipient of public honors both from Jewish and Christian bodies, and received presents from the Emperor and Minister of Public Worship.

THE editor of a Karlsruhe paper has been sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment and payment of all costs, at the suit of Jewish lawyers, on account of the following passage in one of his articles: "You must not entrust your affairs to Jewish advocates, your health to Jewish doctors, and your children to Jewish teachers; in order that no injury may be done to your honor, your lives and your souls."

FOR many years the ball held in aid of the Benevolent Fund, connected with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, of Liverpool, England (which enjoys an honorable record for charity during its long and prosperous existence), has invariably proved one of the most pleasant of the yearly social Masonic gatherings in connection with individual lodges in the city. The ball, which took place at the Adelphi Hotel on February 25th, was no exception.

RECENT Russian papers contain the text of the Ukase concerning the various ceremonies to be observed on the occasion of the coronation of the Czar during May. By it the representatives of all the religious bodies in Russia, both lay and clerical, are invited to be present either at the Coronation ceremony or for the purpose of offering their congratulations to their majesties, at the palace. The five millions of Jews, however, seem to have been overlooked.

THE report of the colonization of the Jangira State, India, has been published. This State is ruled by the Nawab Sis Sidi Ahmed

Khan, and it is interesting to note, in view of the satisfactory manner in which it is managed, that one of his principal advisers is a member of the Beni Israel community in India, Mr. Shaloam Bapuji.

THE firman for the building of the new hospital to be erected in Jerusalem by a committee in Frankfort and Amsterdam has, thanks to the efforts of the German Ambassador in Constantinople, been at last obtained. This hospital, which will be built outside the city, and furnished according to improved modern principles, will fill a greatly-felt need in the community. All the Jewish hospitals here, *i. e.*, Rothschild's Hospital, Bikkour Cholim and Misgab Ladach, have only room altogether for one hundred beds, which are by no means adequate for the number of the sick of the twenty-eight thousand resident Jews in Jerusalem, especially as the number of aged and feeble here is a larger percentage than in any other community. This is owing to the extreme poverty and the fever prevailing in the country. The new hospital will be under the direction of Dr. Wallach, of Cologne, who has been for five years doing good service as the medical man for the poor inside the walls, while the Society of Lemaan Zion is providing the medical man for outside the city.

THE efforts so far made in Jerusalem to have the recently purchased house for the Evelina de Rothschild's Girls' School transferred to the names of Messrs. Leopold de Rothschild and Ellis A. Franklin, as the trustees of the Anglo-Jewish Association, have been unsuccessful. Notwithstanding the willingness to forward the enterprise on the part of some Mohammedan Effendis whose children attend the school, the steps taken for the legalization of the purchase have met with an obstacle in the restrictive measures enforced during the five years, forbidding Jews not resident in Palestine to acquire property here. This impediment can only be overcome by suitable representations made in Constantinople.

A SHORT time ago, the present Roumanian prime minister promised a Jewish deputation that steps would be taken, by legislation, to remove restrictions on Jews who desire to attend public elementary schools. A bill has, in fact, been prepared by the Minister of Education, and according to governments journals Article I, declares that instruction in public schools is gratuitous to all, without distinction of faith and nationality. An examination of the bill has shown that it maintains all the restrictions imposed by the law of 1893 on the admission of children of "foreigners" (*i. e.*, Jews) into

the primary schools. Meetings of Jews have been held and petitions sent to the Chamber; but what is more significant is that a separate petition, asking for the suppression of the special fees demanded from Jewish children, has been forwarded to Parliament by 154 Christian students at the University of Bucharest. The independent political newspapers have commenced a campaign in favor of the Jews, and insist on their incontestable rights.

AT Salisbury, Mashonaland, South Africa, Mr. Moses Henry Morris has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, the first Jew in Rhodesia upon whom this distinction has been conferred. He is a son of Mr. Isaac Morris, of Hammersmith, London, and was one of the early settlers of the country.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Coolgardie, Western Australia, under date January 19th: The government has granted the Jewish community of Coolgardie a tract of land for a synagogue, and we expect to be able to erect a place of worship for the ensuing holidays. At the recent municipal elections, Mr. L. Levinson was elected a Town Councillor, and is the first Jew upon whom any civic honors have been conferred at these gold-fields.

REV. J. FURST gave an address on "Joseph in Egypt," before the Bible Class attending Lothian Road U. P. Church, in Edinburgh, Scotland, by special request of their minister, the Rev. R. J. Drummond, M.A., who presided over a large attendance.

THE congregation in Glasgow, Scotland, summarily expelled one of its members, Leopold Gordon, because the court found him guilty of a usurious transaction, although the law could not punish him for it. It has become a custom in England to exclude members from the congregation generally that are found guilty of usury, and the action is in accordance with Talmudic law. But in this case the law did not find the man guilty of usury, and the action of the congregation appears not altogether justified.

A JEWESS named Caroline Levy, now in the Bethnal Green Infirmary, proves in a curious way that she is 110 years old. She was born in 1786, and since 1848 has drawn a pension from Baroness Rothschild's Aged Widows' Charity Fund, which is strictly confined to widows over 60 years of age. Before granting pensions the trustees make careful investigation as to the age of applicants, and on their books it is shown that Mrs. Levy proved to their satisfaction that she was 62 years old forty-eight years ago.

MR. DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, of London, the novelist, con-

tributes a most pathetic and deeply interesting sketch to the current number of the *Weekly Sun*, dealing with the piteous fate of an out-cast Russian Jew. Mr. Murray styles his story, "On the Edge of Freedom—an episode in the history of an unnecessary human item," and sets forth with infinite feeling the vicissitudes of Moses Lowenstein, "an ugly, small creature—bred in dirt and poverty, and deep ignorance and gross superstition." Nevertheless, in spite of his innate unattractiveness, the sympathy of the reader is skilfully excited for the hapless creature driven forth with other Russian Jews across the frontier in to Germany.

THE Rothschilds are the second richest private individuals in Prussia. The official statistics for 1895-96 put their income down at 6,115,000 marks for the year, a quarter of a million higher than in the previous year. Baron Bleichroeder occupies the fourth place on the list of the Prussian Cræsus.

THE Great Synagogue of London presented a most imposing appearance upon the occasion of the Memorial Service held in honor of the venerated Rabbi, Isaac Elchanan. Chief Rabbi Adler officiated.

HAHAM GASTER recently lectured before the Jews' College Literary Society (London) on "Ancient Jewish Mystical Literature." He brought out two things particularly: the antiquity of mystical speculation concerning God and the creation; and the necessity of taking into account recent discoveries of valuable papyri in tracing the origin of the science. Rev. H. Gollancz, who presided over the meeting, spoke of Maimonides' strictures against mysticism, contained in *Moreh Nebuchim*, chap. lxi. and lxii.

MR ISRAEL GOLLANCZ, of Christ College, has been elected to the newly created Cambridge University lectureship in English.

THE Queen of Italy, who is never idle, is now studying Hebrew. She has made great progress in mastering the language, and is deep in the study of the literature.

BARON FERDINAND DE ROTHSCHILD has just been elected Treasurer of the British Museum in London.

IN the House of Lords the Archbishop of York has introduced a bill requiring the closing of public houses on Sunday, except during the noon hour, when they are to be opened only for the purpose of selling liquor for consumption off the premises. It was proposed by the Bishop of Manchester that they be open for an hour in the evening for the consumption of liquors on the prem-

ises. Inasmuch as the commission is already considering the licensing law, the debate on the bill was postponed.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Jewish Tribune*, writing from Rome, Italy, says that rumor has it that Baron Fava, who was recently Ambassador to the United States, is a Hebrew.

THE King of Italy has recently appointed Signor Montefiore, a nephew of the great philanthropist, consul-general at London.

IT is reported that Mr. Ezekiel, the famous sculptor, whose studio is in Rome, is about to begin work on a statue of the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, of Cincinnati.

IT is said that the name of Consul-General Judd at Vienna, who once denied that he is a Jew, was "Judkovsky."

THE Pereyaslav Recruiting Court is particularly active against Jews. A petition having been presented against the results of the last recruiting, some of the would-be recruits had to go to Poltava. In order to make sure of these men they are sent by etape, and during the journey they are treated as convicts. Instead of covering the distance in two days, etape took a fortnight, and the unfortunate young men had to pass through five prisons.

THE annual report of the Rabbinical Seminary in Breslau, Germany, gives a short history of the Jews in Breslau, by Dr. Brann. It says that three of the five graduates of this year have been placed in office in Karlsruhe, Breslau and Meiningen. Thirty-five students now remain in the seminary. Dr. Saul Horowitz is the successor of the late Dr. Rosin.

THE great social event among the Jewish community of Odessa was the marriage of Baron G. O. Günzburg with Mademoiselle Aschkenazi. Among the numerous foreign guests were family representatives of Baron Hirsch and Baron de Rothschild.

HERR HEINRICH NEUMANN, who died a short time ago in Berlin, has left 200,000 marks as a fund whereby to enable poor members of the Jewish community to obtain houses at moderate rents.

THE British authorities, especially the London Board of Trade, seem to be much opposed to foreign immigration into the empire, especially the influx of poor people, whom they call paupers.

It is said that, when the Senate considered the question of Siberian Jews, it was the opinion of the majority of the members that the descendants of Jews transported to Siberia have no right of residing outside the Pale of the District in which their forefathers were incorporated after the expiration of their sentence.

HON. ALEXANDER S. ROSENTHAL, of the City of New York, who is at present United States Consul in Leghorn, Italy, is a regular attendant at divine service in the synagogue in that city; this synagogue is probably the wealthiest of Jewish houses of worship in the world, having a sinking fund of several millions of dollars coming down from generations. The structure is most gorgeous. Says a correspondent of the *Jewish Tribune*: "I never saw such a sight, and must say I *felt religious*, although I could not read the prayers from the Hebrew 'book' which was handed me, with the request to cover my head, which in Italian I could not understand. The officer referred to then called with another gentleman, looking like an Italian to perfection, and speaking a pure English. The gentleman happened to be the American Consul, Mr. Rosenthal. With a silk hat on his head and a "Dalit," as they called it (shawl) on his shoulders like the rest, tall and stately, with clear-cut, very expressive features, of captivating kindness, I was very happy, indeed, to find an American so immensely Jewish. I cannot speak enough of the kindness Mr. Rosenthal showed me, and the Israelites of Livorno hold him in the highest regard. Mr. Rosenthal's letter of introduction to the editors of *La Tribuna*, Senator Luzatto and Senator Arbib, editor of *L'Italie*, in Rome, secured me access to high circles."

THE following stipulation occurs in the will of Sir Julian Goldsmid: "I hereby declare that if any daughter of mine, being a spinster or a widow without issue, shall either during my lifetime or after my death marry a person who does not profess the Jewish religion, the share, both original and accruing left in trust for such daughter, her husband, issued and appointed by this my will shall, on such marriage, be reduced to one half, the other half being thereupon held in trust as an accretion to the shares of my other daughters, and being divided equally among those shares."

THERE were 2,752 Jewish marriages in Berlin last year.

THE coronation of the Russian Czar will cost about \$20,000,000. Our co-religionists will have to contribute to the tax in making up this sum, but they are not permitted to participate in the ceremonies. Spain pursued a similar course towards the Jews at one time. How does she stand now?

THE new offices of the Jewish Board of Guardians (London) were dedicated to philanthropic work recently. The service was opened by Rev. I. M. Samuel, with reading of Psalm xxx. and appropriate Scriptural verses. Chief-Rabbi Herman Adler offered a most touching prayer, recalling to all the memory of faithful servants of the Lord whose example would be an inspiration to their successors in the good cause. After prayer, Rev. I. Samuel recited Psalm cvii. Mr. Benjamin L. Cohen, M. P., then formally declared the new offices of the Board of Guardians open, and announced the many gifts that had been received since last meeting of the Board.

Literary

DIE JUEDISCHE LITERATUR VON MOSES MENDELSSOHN BIS AUF DIE GEGENWART. Von Dr. M. Kayserling. Trier: Sigmund Mayer. 1896.

The profound scholar and prolific writer, Professor M. Kayserling has rendered a material service to the student of Jewish science by his publication of a compact but nevertheless exhaustive history of Jewish literature since the time of Mendelssohn. There is probably no period in Jewish history in which such a wealth of Jewish activity in the realms of critical investigation, ethical conception, historical research, exhumation of the literary treasures of the past, original thought, moral disquisitions, has been produced as in this nineteenth century of ours. Among these literary productions the publication of the remarkable pulpit utterances of our great preachers such as Gotthold, Salomon, Isaac Noah Mannheimer, Ludwig Philippson, Abraham Geiger, David Einhorn, Samuel Hirsch, form an important part, and the new epoch of development in which Judaism has entered is due to their labors and of those who followed in their paths. And the public will appreciate the fact of having some specimens of these specimens incorporated in this history, such for instance as the sermon of Salomon: "How can we regain the lost treasure!" with its answer: "So hear, then, house of Israel: Our divine service must educate divine servants; in this way we can regain altar and temple—our divine law must maintain teachers of the law and we may regain priests and prophets; with our best efforts must we enter into the fight and we may regain our former freedom and independence." His exposition is beautiful. These old preachers marked a departure from the past only by leaning upon the past, by leaning upon it as their staunchest support and evolving out of the past the Judaism that inspires and that perpetuates the missionary task. A cursory examination of the book will not enable us to dwell upon completeness of the account, certainly the enumeration of the Jewish periodicals, which is of course an altogether new and important feature in the forces that enter into the making up of modern and Reform Judaism, is probably the most complete record. In speaking of the *MENORAH*, the author refers to it in the following complimentary terms: "In the year 1886, Benjamin F. Peixotto, the former North American Consul in Bucharest and Lyons, after his return home founded the *MENORAH* as an organ of the great American Order B'ne B'rith, a monthly review which after his death is being edited by Moritz Ellinger, who has rendered great service to the Order, and which must be counted among the noblest American periodicals."

This epitome of Jewish literature forms part of the great literary collection by Winter and Wünsche, "*Die Jüdische Literatur seit Abschluss des Kanons*," and which in itself is one of those monumental publications which furnish an inexhaustible mine of information.

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

THE MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION held its fifteenth annual meeting on January 22d, 1896 and the reports of the officers again show a most prosperous condition of affairs. President F. A. Burnham's address is a masterpiece of eloquence and gives an exhaustive review of the past year's progress. He pays a glowing eulogy to the deceased president, Mr. Edward B. Harper, whose warm personal friend he was and whose footsteps he was chosen to follow by the unanimous wish of his fellow directors. Under his administration the company has continued in its onward strides and nothing proves this better than the citation of figures from his annual message:

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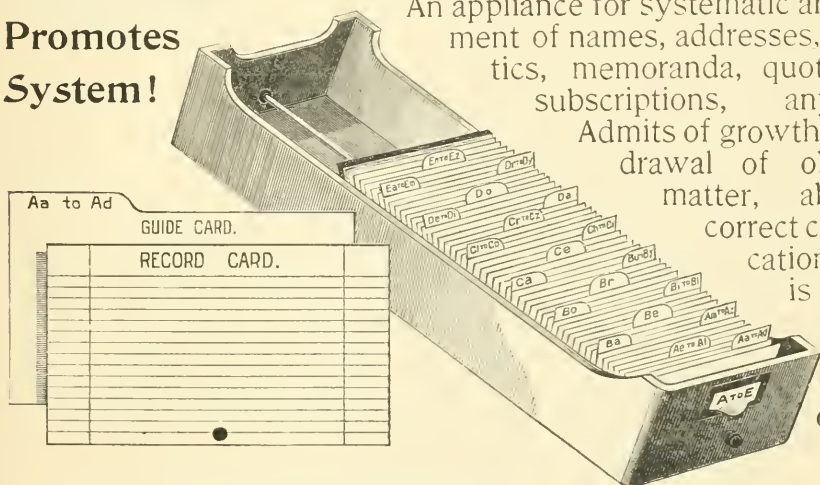
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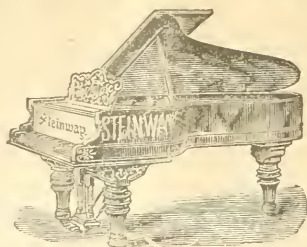


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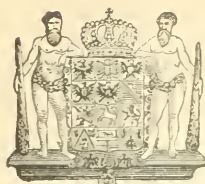
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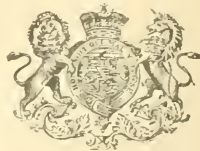
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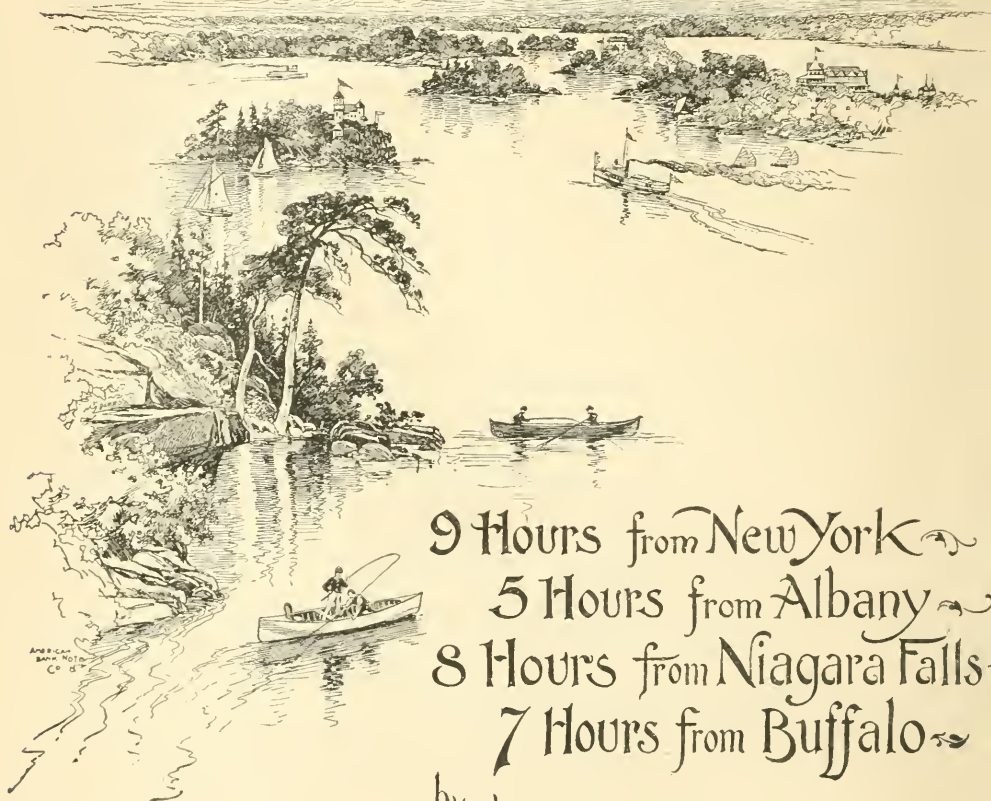
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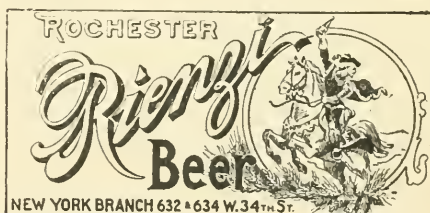
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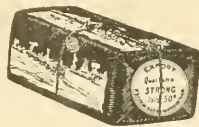
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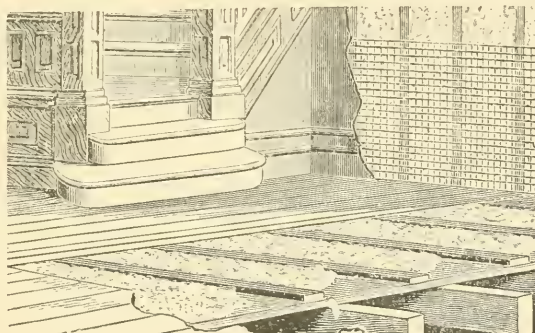
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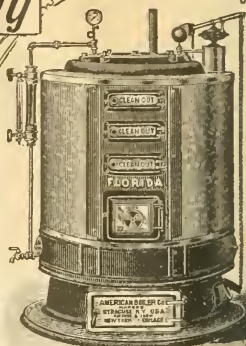
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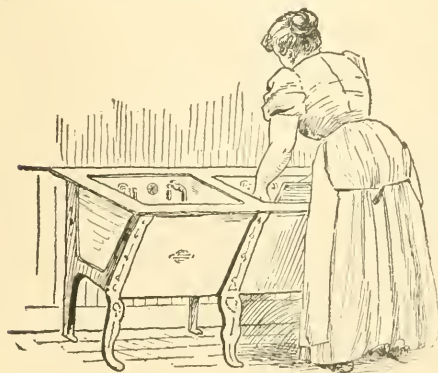
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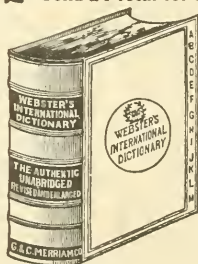
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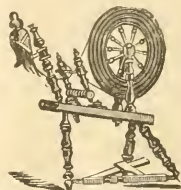
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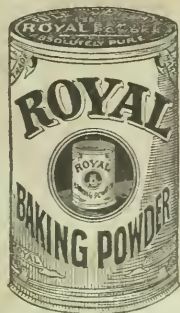
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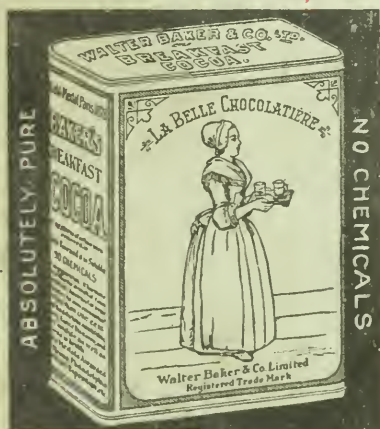
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